



Amersham Matters

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AMERSHAM IN BLOOM—LET'S GO FOR GOLD AGAIN.. !

Your chance to win £50 or nominate your neighbour

Now is the time to plan your prize-winning entry in our local Britain in Bloom 2010 competition. You may have a treasured allotment, a spectacular hanging basket, a front garden that is your pride and joy.

Either way, don't keep it to yourself—contact Amersham Town Council NOW and our judges will include your entry in the competition. PLUS you can nominate your neighbour to win a prize too. It is so easy to be part of the fun with Britain in Bloom this summer. *Remember—we won the prestigious Gold Award in the national competition last year.*

Send us your entry forms by Thursday 1 July 2010—
or email on admin@amersham-tc.gov.uk or phone your entry to us on 01494 586892. More details are on www.amersham-tc.gov.uk

WIN AWARDS FOR

- Best Window/Hanging Basket
 - Best Front Garden
 - Best Business Premises
- Best Green/Environmental Initiative
 - Best School
 - Best Allotment
- Best Community Garden

Prizes to be awarded at the Amersham Carnival on King George V Playing Field on Saturday 10 July 2010 by the Mayor Councillor Martin Phillips.



Amersham in Bloom
July 2010

Help to improve Amersham town's environment... Join Britain in Bloom

Award Categories:
BEST Window Box/Hanging Basket, Front Garden, Business Premises,
Green/Environmental Initiative, School, Allotment and Community Garden

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High Speed Rail—HS2 in Amersham
Please see our response to the
Exceptional
Hardship Scheme Consultation on
www.amersham-tc.gov.uk

AMERSHAM TOWN COUNCIL HAS A NEW TOWN CLERK



Janet Wheeler has been Clerk to Cookham Parish Council for over seven years and more recently, also Clerk to Hurley Parish Council. Both Councils are in Berkshire and Cookham is famous for its association with the famous painter Sir Stanley Spencer. Janet lives in Cookham with her husband Richard and two children. Following her appointment at Amersham Town Council she will be looking to move to the Chilterns area.

Janet is passionate about local councils and their role in the community. Before working for local government, she worked freelance as advertising copywriter and twenty years in advertising agencies in London.

She enjoys taking long walks with her Labrador; cooking for friends and supporting London Wasps Rugby Club. She is looking forward to getting to know the residents of Amersham and working hard to promote their interests in the community.

Janet receiving the 'key' from the out going Town Clerk, Des Knowles.

CIVIC SERVICE AT ST MARY'S OLD AMERSHAM

This year's annual Civic Service will take place at 10.15am on Sunday 20 June 2010 at St Mary's Church, Old Amersham by kind invitation of the Clergy and Churchwardens.

The service will be conducted by the Reverend Tim Harper. 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.



GET FIT AND RAISE MONEY AT THE MARDI GRAS PARTY OF THE YEAR

On Saturday June 19 more than 1,000 women - along with 100 lucky men - will set off at midnight for Iain Rennie Hospice at Home's (IRHH) annual Goodnight Walk. The sponsored walkers will attempt to raise more than £120,000 to help people with cancer and life-threatening illness across the Chilterns area of Buckinghamshire and Hertfordshire. This year's Goodnight Walk has a Mardi Gras theme with a prize for the best dressed entrant.

Marshals will accompany walkers on the eight mile circular route around Amersham and Little Chalfont which begins at Amersham Polish Club. There will be refreshment points and portaloos and all participants will receive a well-earned hot breakfast at the finish line.

Further details about the event and how to enter can be found at www.gnwalk.com

EVENTS IN MARKET HALL, OLD AMERSHAM

There is a Cancer Research fund -raising Fayre in the Market Hall, Old Amersham on Saturday 19 June 2010, 1.00—4.00pm.

There will be lots of interesting stalls including fingerprint jewellery and handcasts, homemade jams, book signing by a local author and photographic displays by a local photographer. Admission is free and everyone is welcome to come along and support this worthwhile local event.



Left to right: Alan Carmody, John Fox, Alex Denton. Cllr Martin Phillips, Mary Norris, Ruth Carpenter, Fred Harrison and the Town Crier, Mark Jones.

TOP AMERSHAM PEOPLE SCOOP THE CITIZEN OF THE YEAR AWARDS 2010

The Town Mayor 2009/10 Councillor Martin Phillips presented six awards on Sunday 2 May 2010 in the Market Hall, Old Amersham.

Amersham Business Award—Mr Alan Carmody

Senior Citizen of the Year—Mr John Fox

Junior Citizen of the Year-Mr Alex Denton

Mayor's Special Award-Mrs Mary Norris

Sports Person of the Year-Miss Ruth Carpenter

Citizen of the Year- Mr Fred Harrison

Congratulations to all the winners

31ST AMERSHAM FESTIVAL OF ART

The 31st Amersham Festival of Art 2010, will be held in the Market Hall, Old Amersham from Saturday 7 August to Sunday 15 August. 2010. It will be open daily from 10.30am to 6.00pm. The Festival will close at 5pm on Sunday 15 August.

This annual event enables local artists, both amateur and professional, to display and offer their work for sale. A small commission on each sale along with visitors' donations and exhibit entry fees provides 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 319 works of art and sculpture. Commission on sales, exhibitors' entry fees and visitor donations raised £1,520 for the Jubilee Fund. Among the organisations which benefited from this fund were Amersham & Chesham Hard of Hearing, Bucks Association for Gardening with Disabled People, Age Concern, Chesham Town Council's Christmas Party for the Elderly, Shed @ the Park, Cruse, Workaid, Citizens Advice Bureau, Stony Dean School, Chesham & Amersham Air Training Corps.

Local artists are invited to apply and entry forms can be obtained from the Town Council telephone no 01494 586892 or see www.amersham-tc.gov.uk

The closing date for applications is Friday 23 July 2010.

Young Environmental Photography Competition

We are inviting students to take part in the 'Student Environmental Photographer Competition', sponsored by the Rotary Club of Amersham. The theme of the competition is Britain In Bloom: The International Year of Bio-diversity. With the term biodiversity simply meaning 'the variety of life on earth' the entries can be photographs of anything from the ecosystem, whether it be plants or animals, to the physical environment. There are two age categories, 7 –15 years and 16 -18 years. Closing date for entries is Saturday 31 July 2010.

The winning prize in each category is a 10mp compact camera, which will be awarded by the Mayor Cllr Martin Phillips on Heritage Open Day, Sunday 12 September 2010.

For more information all enquiries should be addressed to Steve Catanach at Amersham Town Council
info@amersham-tc.gov.uk 01494 586892



A MOMENT OF QUIET REFLECTION IN AMERSHAM-ON-THE-HILL

St Michael's, the parish church of Amersham-on-the-Hill is an oasis of quiet on busy Sycamore Road. The Church is open throughout the day for residents and visitors to enjoy a moment of calm –or maybe light a candle to focus on the stillness.

St Michael's is well known for its series of 'millennium lectures'. Recent speakers have included Dr Jonathan Romain, Brian Thorne and Canon Jeffrey John. On Tuesday 29 June 2010, the lecture will be presented by Harvey Gillman, writer on spirituality and former outreach secretary for the Quakers.

St Michael's enjoys a close relationship with Amersham Free Church and St John's Methodist Church and is part of Churches Together in Amersham and Chesham Bois.

Please call Revd Diana Glover (Vicar) on 01494 727553 for more details of the church service Diana.glover@btinternet.com or www.stmichaelsamersham.org.uk

BBOWT SUMMER WALKS IN SOUTH BUCKS

Date: Saturday 12th June.

A walk along the Jubilee River, led by Roger Wilding

Time: 10.00am **Starting from the car park at OS grid ref: SU 929 794. Contact:** Roger Wilding 01494 438374

Date: Friday 16th July

Dusk patrol – bats, glow worms, moths on Holtspur Bank reserve. **Starting from the Scout Hut, Cherry Tree Road, OS grid ref SU 923 904. Contact:** Derek Bourne 01628 526553

Date: Saturday 17th July

Summer walk at Holtspur Bank reserve led by Derek Bourne.

Starting from the Scout Hut, Cherry Tree Road, OS grid ref SU 923 904. Contact: Derek Bourne 01628 526553



Date: Saturday 31st July

Butterfly walk at Homefield Wood reserve led by Martin Robinson. **Starting at the entrance to Homefield Wood, OS grid ref SU 814 867. Contact:** Martin Robinson 01628 527894

Date: Saturday 14th August

Walk along the River Wye led by Allen Beechey. **Starting from the car park, Hollywell Mead, High Wycombe, OS grid ref SU 874 924. Contact:** Mrs Free 01494 674306

SUMMER EVENTS AT WOODROW HIGH HOUSE



A talk will be given on the history of the Air Ambulance Service by Len Degauino on **Sunday 27 June 2010, 6.30 –7.00pm** start and the ticket includes a 2 course supper for £12.50 .

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

Dates for your Diary

14 June	Amersham Band in the Memorial Gardens
27 June	Passing Tones in the Memorial Gardens
20 June	Civic Service at St Mary's, Old Amersham
1 July	Britain in Bloom local judging
10 July	Amersham Carnival on George V Playing Field
11 July	Amersham Summer Festival on George V Playing Fields
11 July	Amersham Band in the Memorial Gardens
25 July	Bisham Concert Band in the Memorial Gardens
6 until	31st Amersham Festival of Art
15 August	31st Amersham Festival of Art
8 August	Rhythm 'n' Booze in the Memorial Gardens
22 August	Cool Beans in the Memorial Gardens
12 September	Heritage Open Day, Old Amersham

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 Ros Aitken	Amersham Common	01494 724406
Cllr Mrs D I Allen	Amersham Town	01494 721085
Cllr M Andrews-Reading (Deputy Town Mayor)	Amersham on the Hill	01494 434095
Cllr Mrs S J Axelby	Amersham Town	01494 723452
Cllr E C J Flynn	Amersham Town	01494 721958
Cllr Mrs V G Head	Amersham on the Hill	01494 727254
Cllr M King	Amersham Town	01494 722758
Cllr Mrs A Lamont	Weedon Hill	01494 432056
Cllr M D Lacey	Amersham on the Hill	01494 722934
Cllr H Maitland-Jones	Amersham on the Hill	01494 722175
Cllr H G Newton	Amersham on the Hill	07768 973770
Cllr M Phillips (Town Mayor)	Weedon Hill	01494 433634
Cllr A J Weedon	Amersham Common	01494 726631
Cllr Miss M J White	Amersham Town	01494 764256
Cllr R N Williams	Amersham Common	01494 729229

Details of council meetings can be found at www.amersham-tc.gov.uk or by contacting the office by email or telephone.

AMERSHAM BIRD WATCHING GROUP



The Amersham Bird Watching Group meet on the third Friday of the month from September to May at 8.00pm at the Barn Hall, Amersham Community Centre. The meetings generally take the form of an illustrated talk but social events are included. Coach trips are organised to popular but more distant birding sites.

Date: Friday 11th June. Wendover Woods field trip in the morning led by Richard Tomlin 01494 774682

Date: Friday 17th September. Indoor meeting in the Barn Hall Community Centre, Chiltern Avenue, Amersham HP6 5AE. For further details please ring chairperson Mary McKay on 07980 503879

For more information or submission of articles in the next issue, copy date is **27 August 2010** please contact:

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