



Amersham Matters

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Meet our new Mayor - Cllr Martin King

Cllr Martin King has lived in Amersham for 35 years where he has been a Town Councillor since 2000 and a Chiltern District Councillor since 2003.

His two children David and Helen, were born here and attended schools locally. He has been a businessman in the town for 26 years as an Auctioneer and Valuer and the proprietor of Old Amersham Auctions. He is now married to Judy.

His interests include music, history, antiques & collectables, travel especially to Bensheim, Amersham's twinned town and Australia to visit Judy's family and friends, cricket (and all the heartache that implies being married to an Australian!) and football – go the Villa!

Cllr King is also involved in varying ways in the following community organisations: Amersham-Bensheim Twinning Society, Royal British Legion, The Amersham Society, The Amersham Museum, Woodrow High House.



Cllr Martin Kings says “Amersham is a fantastic town – the Chiltern district is a great place to live. I would like to encourage more people of all ages to get involved in our local community - to show people that it is possible to make a difference. There are several events coming up where I hope to meet many of you: The Concerts in the Memorial Gardens, The Amersham in Bloom Competition, Amersham Carnival and Heritage Day.



Amersham in Bloom



Do you like taking part in competitions (and winning..?)

This year's Britain in Bloom entry for Amersham includes community competitions for Best Allotment, Best Window Box or Front Garden, Best Pub, Restaurant or Commercial Premises.

Voucher Prizes for the winners.

Local Judging taking place week commencing 3rd July

Details available from Amersham Town Council on 01494 586891

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What's happening in your Amersham

Town Twinning

There will be a visit from Bensheim Town in Germany on 12—16 July. This year will mark the 30th anniversary of the signing of the twinning agreement between the two towns. Bensheim is a wine producing town near Frankfurt in Germany and the Twinning agreement was signed in July 1997 to promote the cultural interests between the two towns. The Amersham Bensheim Society has details of how to join and the Secretary can be contacted at 29 Ashfield Road, Chesham HP5 3DL

Amersham Round Table Carnival

The Amersham Round Table Carnival is due to take place on Saturday 14 July 2007 starting with a parade at 12.30 on King George V Playing Fields. The theme this year will be Nations. Contact the Carnival Chairman Kevin Murgatroyd on 01494 723927 for further details.

Heritage Open Day Sunday 9 September

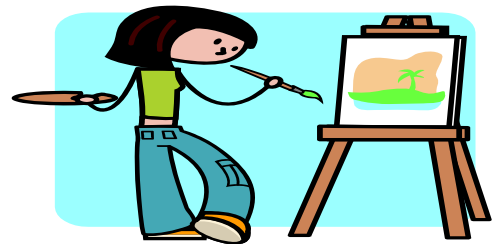


Let's pray for sun and put those umbrellas away as Heritage Open Day is on its way! There will be face painters, Animal Farm, Bouncy Castle, Morris Dancers punch and judy and many more attractions - its getting bigger every year! The fun starts at 11.am with the opening of the museum on the High Street and a walk to the Martyrs Memorial. There is a free bus service operating between local Heritage attractions on the day.

The 28th Festival of Art

The Amersham Festival of Art 2007 will be held in the Market Hall, Old Amersham from Saturday 28 July to Sunday 5 August. It will be open daily from 10.30am to 6pm. Local artists are invited to apply. Entry forms can be obtained from the Town Council Tel 01494 586891.

The closing date for applications is Friday 13 July. This is a wonderful opportunity for locals to showcase their artistic talents. Proceeds to the Jubilee Fund. *(See last page for our most recent beneficiaries of this fund).*



Have your say – don't throw it away!

From 22nd June Buckinghamshire County Council is holding a number of exhibitions to present information and hear your views about sites for future waste facilities. The exhibitions will show areas the Council has identified that could be used for recycling, composting or waste recovery.

This is your chance to come along and talk to officers about the Waste Plan and new technologies. You can make your comments up to 3rd August 2007

	Venue	Dates and Times
BEACONSFIELD	Fitzwilliam Centre Windsor End	Friday 22 June - 14.00 'til 21.00
	Beaconsfield Old Town (behind St. Mary's Church)	Saturday 23 June - 10.00 'til 16.00
AYLESBURY	County Museum Church Street Aylesbury	Friday 29 June - 14.00 'til 21.00
		Saturday 30 June - 10.00 'til 16.00
Buckingham	Beales Hotel A421 Ring Road Buckingham	Friday 6 July - 14.00 'til 21.00
		Saturday 7 July - 10.00 'til 16.00

News and Information

Summer Band Concerts in the Memorial Gardens

In the summer months there are bands playing in the Memorial Gardens. (So why not forget the roast beef , pack your rug and take a picnic with you, - you'll be glad you did !)

New this year are refreshments available to purchase which has so far proved to be a great success. If you haven't yet enjoyed a Sunday afternoon listening to these varied programmes performed by these bands why not come along and enjoy a relaxed time in lovely surroundings.

The bands will be playing from 2pm until 4pm.

24 June	Sir Real Jazz
8 July	Amersham Town Band
15 July	Rhythm 'n' Booze
29 July	Reloaded Blues
12 August	Reloaded Blues
26 August	Rhythm 'n' Booze



The wonderful Gentle Jazz

The Mayor Cuts The Ribbon for the Opening of Hervines Park Playground



The Mayor Councillor Howard Maitland-Jones pictured above cuts the ribbon for the official opening.

(Although the dog to the right of the picture seemed unimpressed)

Picture courtesy of Monster Play Systems.

There were smiles all round recently when the new playground at Hervines Park was opened by the former Mayor Cllr Howard Maitland-Jones. This is the third major playground refurbishment undertaken by Amersham Town Council in the last few years. The others being King George V Field and Barn Meadow. The installation caters for local children from two until twelve years and if you haven't been along yet please go and see the new facilities perhaps taking a small relative with you !



Local children gave their seal of approval

Grants

The Grants Sub-Committee of Amersham Town Council met recently to determine the beneficiaries of grants for this year. The majority of the monies distributed were from the Jubilee Fund

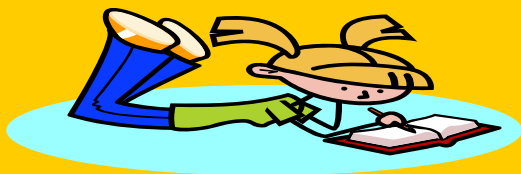
All organisations benefiting from this funding must demonstrate that they will use the money to benefit the residents of Amersham. The Jubilee Fund income is generated mainly from the Annual Festival of Art.



Grants were awarded to the following organisations.

Good Companions	£150.00
Amersham Hill Cricket Club	£500.00
Voluntary Action	£150.00
Workaid	£350.00
Dial-A-Ride	£150.00

Dates for your Diary



17 June	Civic Service, The Methodist Church, High Street, Amersham Old Town
24 June	Sir Real Jazz playing in the Memorial Gardens
8 July	Amersham Town Band playing in the Memorial Gardens.
12—16 July	Visit from Bensheim Town
15 July	Rhythm 'n' Booze playing in the Memorial Gardens.
14 July	Amersham Round Table Carnival
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9 September	Heritage Open Day) Amersham Town Band

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 and Little Chalfont area is an enjoyable place to live and work. They can be contacted on the following telephone numbers:

Cllr Mrs D I Allen	Amersham Town	01494 721085
Cllr M Andrews-Reading	Amersham on the Hill	01494 434095
Cllr J P Fage	Amersham Town	01494 729889
Cllr E C J Flynn	Amersham Town	01494 721958
Cllr Mrs V G Head	Amersham on the Hill	01494 727254
Cllr Mrs L Kimber	Amersham Common	01494 431588
Cllr M King (Town Mayor)	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 Mrs B Ottaway	Amersham Common	01494 762490
Cllr M Phillips (Deputy Town Mayor)	Weedon Hill	01494 433634
Cllr A J Weedon	Amersham Common	01494 726631
Cllr Miss M J White	Amersham Town	01494 764256

Civic Service

This year's Annual Civic Service will be held at The Methodist Church, High Street Amersham Old Town on Sunday 17 June at 10.30am. Local dignitaries' and VIP's have been invited to attend by the Mayor, and all townspeople are warmly invited to join in this community service. The service will be led by Reverend John Amankwatia. Please can you take your seats in the church by 10.20am.

For more information contact:

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Tell us and we'll try to include it
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