

## CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE COUNCILLORS

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Arlesey Town Councillors give their time on a voluntary basis, and are available to the residents of Arlesey to help sort out problems and grievances.

The newsletter was produced by the Town Clerk - apologies given for any inaccuracies. Please inform the Town Clerk if you spot any so that they can be rectified for the next newsletter.

## TOWN COUNCIL OFFICE

**Town Council Office:** Arlesey Community Centre, High Street, Arlesey, Beds SG15 6SN

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**Grounds Maintenance:** Andrew Dean and Matthew Bird

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Arlesey Town Council Office is situated in the High Street in the centre of Arlesey, in the same complex as the Health Centre, Nursery and Lower School, Resource Centre and Library, Youth Centre and Village Hall.

The office is open to the public Monday -Thursday between the hours of 9am-3pm and Friday 9am-12noon. Outside these hours you can contact us by fax or email (as listed above) or leave a message on the answer phone.

The office is the focal point for the business of the Town Council and here you can view copies of the minutes of all Town Council meetings. By visiting the office you can also:

- View planning applications
- Report defective street lights
- Report potholes and other highway issues
- Rent allotments
- Get latest bus time tables
- Make enquiries to hire the Village Hall and Resource Centre
- Book the MUGA (multi use games area)
- Obtain advice on cemetery matters
- Pick up doggy bags (FREE)

We are always pleased to help with enquiries; if we cannot give an immediate answer we will look into it and get back to you as soon as possible.

## **REPORT FROM THE CHAIRMAN**

Firstly, I wish to update residents on the current position of councillors on Arlesey Town Council.

The Council has just entered its second year of a four year term following elections in May 2011. The word 'election' could be construed as misleading because in fact it was an uncontested election as only 14 people nominated themselves for the 15 available positions. Then in September 2011 we had six resignations including the Chairman Mr Hugh Harper. Additionally, the one resignation three months prior to that left a shortfall of 8 councillors with only 7 remaining. I became Chairman that September and was re-elected on the 1st May 2012. All the vacancies have now been filled.

At the Annual Meeting of the Town Council on the 1 May the final two vacancies were filled by co-opting John Caffrey and Jim Bowskill. We now have our full compliment of councillors.

In this Newsletter 12 councillors are featured with photographs. This is a first time councillors have been featured in our Newsletter. I would like to thank all councillors for their endeavours and contributions in trying to improve the village. They bring a vast array of experience from all walks of life and the Town Council now has a very diverse skill base to help drive it forward.

I thought it was important to give a brief history so everyone understands the current situation. I will now move on to report the main events since the last newsletter was circulated in autumn last year.

From a financial perspective, the Council is in a sound position with a healthy level of reserves. We delivered a slight decrease in the Council Tax contribution and kept the Precept below the level of the previous financial year. Our audit reports both external and internal indicated shrewd financial prudence. A review of the Effectiveness of Internal Audit was carried out by Councillor Bains and myself with recommendations for future best practice improvements.

The largest single donation of £1,000 was to St Peter's Church, Arlesey for the restoration fund for repairs to the Church roof. The Council's biggest financial challenge will be funding the extensive repair/refurbishment works to the Community Centre. The work on the roof has been completed. This commitment was enforced on us by Central Bedfordshire Council at short notice in January this year. However, we do not have to pay our apportioned costs in the current financial year.

We are currently making arrangements to undertake the internal remedial work at our MUGA (multi use games area). New floor and wall tiles, sanitary wear in the toilets and changing rooms and internal decorating when the current football season is finished. We hope the new allotment site will be ready within the next few months.

From a planning perspective, there have been three applications of note, namely the successful application of 197 Hitchin Road to receive permanent planning consent to its 6 caravan pitches, albeit retrospective. This was opposed by Council, nevertheless granted by Central Bedfordshire Council (CBC). The Town Council contributed to the HICCA Way project by funding the planning application for the creation of a boardwalk and two culverts to facilitate the creation of a new public access route to the East of the River Hiz. Lastly, the application received for a single wind renewable energy turbine

and integrated substation proposed for Arlesey Landfill Site, the Town Council has made a recommendation to CBC for this to be refused.

Arlesey Town Council is working closely with the Youth and Community Participation Officer of Aragon Housing Association towards the formation of an Arlesey Youth Council. Make a Difference (MaD) have taken over the running of the Arlesey Youth Club who liaise with the Town Council to hold their skate park events on the recreation ground.

The Resource Centre continues to be a resounding success with increased footfall and extended hours led by our entrepreneurial manager, Sam Ward.

On Highway issues, the Town Council reports all matters to CBC and has consistently canvassed for improvements, upgrades to roads and footpaths. Successes recently have been the footpath adjacent to the High Street post office and the traffic restrictions applied to Stoffold Road to prohibit commuter congestion. A thank you goes to our Ward Councillor Ian Dalgarno in helping to bring this forward. Hopefully before the year end, the proposed new car park for 300 parking spaces at the railway station should be completed. This together with associated restrictive yellow lines on roads in the vicinity of the station area should further reduce nuisance commuter parking.

I would like to congratulate everyone involved in organising and participating in the Civic Service held at St. Peters on 29th April for a really fantastic afternoon, which was enjoyed by all. I am looking forward to the Diamond Jubilee Celebrations on the first weekend in June and the Family Fun Day on Saturday 14 July. I hope the weather changes for the better so as many people as possible can enjoy these events. A schedule of events for the Jubilee can be found in this newsletter, The Town Council has worked with other organisations in the village to provide a variety of entertainment.

Going forward, the Council will be increasing its efforts to improve communications to all residents and key to this will be the creation of a new website and using local internet sites such as On the Button. I would like to say a big thank you for the work of all the Town Council staff particularly those in the town office, in often very difficult circumstances and a much increased workload from completely new sources, namely, the rapid rise in Freedom of Information requests, a phenomenon that has not arisen before.

By far the biggest talking point in the village in the remainder of this year and for several years afterwards will undoubtedly be the proposed Masterplan for land East and West of the High Street. The site has been allocated for mixed use development, comprising 1,000 new homes, relief road, new school, a village centre, employment and retail uses. Public consultations are set to commence in June in the Village Hall. We will keep residents updated on the Town Council and On the Button websites. This is an absolutely critical time and has the potential to redefine Arlesey's history and future. Arlesey Town Council is very much looking forward to working with the Arlesey Residents Association and other organisations and indeed all residents in shaping the best outcome for Arlesey.

Cllr Nick Daniels,  
**Chairman of Arlesey Town Council**

## Welcome to Your Arlesey Town Councillors



**Cllr Gursh Bains**

My family and I have been living in Arlesey for six years. My hobbies include football and gardening. I am passionate about local services and volunteer at the local Red Bear Children's Centre on Saturdays. New dads and under 5's are welcome to join us on Saturday mornings to give mums a well earned rest! Being a chartered accountant I bring my financial expertise to the Council to ensure we

are delivering value for money.



**Cllr Linda Clapham B.Ed (CNNA)**

My career was as a schoolteacher in mainstream education and special educational support. I am now retired. I am a member of the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme in Arlesey of which I am the Deputy Area Coordinator as well as a Street Coordinator. My interests include politics, conservation, environmental issues and the security and quality of life for us all. I joined the Council because I want to serve Arlesey and help obtain the best quality of life for its residents. My aim is to preserve its unique

pleasant, rural character. I believe we have a brave new council now under a new chairman who spares no efforts and devotes all his time in ensuring that Arlesey is a good place to live.



**Cllr Helen Frost**

I have been on the Town Council for 8 Years, I am Church Warden at St Peters Church, I also help with the children's group that takes place at the church. I run the Guides and Rainbows in the village. I am also a Street Coordinator of the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme.



**Cllr Nick Daniels (Chairman)**

I was born in Arlesey and I have lived in the village the majority of my life and I was educated locally and then attended Leeds University in the 70's. I've been in retail management throughout my career and have no particular political persuasions. My time is mostly dedicated to work and serving Arlesey and my family and elderly parents. I joined Arlesey Town Council in 2003 and became chairman last year in unfortunate circumstances Hobbies I'm a fanatical Leeds United fan.



**Cllr Chirs Howitt (Vice Chairman)**

I was born in Arlesey and joined the Council in 2004. Since becoming Vice- Chairman in October 2011 I have attended various conferences and meetings about local issues like the expansion of Luton Airport and the ongoing Gypsy and Traveller sites in Central Bedfordshire. I have given my support to the Arlesey Family Fun Day from its first year 5 years ago by helping on the day with the setting up and clearing away

I am a supporter of Arlesey Town Football Club, a keen fisherman and a competitor in short oval racing.



**Cllr Derek Page**

I was born and have lived in Arlesey all my life. After attending local schools I completed my motor vehicle training at Weston Motors. I then had a career change and went to work at Fairfield Hospital. I have stayed within the NHS to this day. I have been on Arlesey Town Council since 2006.



**Cllr Mark Rainbow**

I have lived in Arlesey since 1973, originally from Mepershall. I became a voluntary youth worker from 1980 for 5 years for Arlesey Youth Centre and finished up at Shefford Youth Club for a year undertaking engineering projects at both Arlesey and Shefford. I'm married with 3 children. I'm very interested in Arlesey Youth Council being formed and would welcome any interested youths to come along to Town

Council meetings as members of the public to see how it runs. For the last year I have been Chairman of the Environmental Committee and would welcome any comments from residents on environmental issues, highways and unruly behaviour in the community.



**Cllr Judy Rencontre**

I have lived in Arlesey for 17 years, I am now retired and I have 2 adult children. My background is management in the NHS and Charity sector. On retirement in August 2010, I was keen to become involved with voluntary work within my home community. I was approached to consider joining Arlesey Town Council, which I did in September 2011. My purpose in joining ATC was to promote Arlesey and if and where needed, to make a positive difference. I have a particular interest in preserving the history of

Arlesey through the Archive Group where I am able to utilise my skills in fundraising to hopefully acquire much needed new equipment for the group. I am committed to working in the best interest of Arlesey and its residents and hope that being visible and proactive will go some ways in achieving this. If you have any issues please do not hesitate to contact me.



**Cllr Jane Squizzoni**

I have lived in Arlesey for 27 years. My daughter is 19 years old. I have actively been involved in the playgroup and school committees when my daughter was younger. I continue to help fund raise whenever I can. I have my own business in the village I try as far as I can to employ local people. I have a passion about Arlesey and think that we should all support its services. I joined the Town Council for a variety of reasons, one being to raise awareness of the businesses, small and large that are

available to the residents of Arlesey. I also joined to get involved in making a better place for us to live and a good environment for the younger generation to grow up and prosper in.



**Cllr Lorraine Warwick**

I work for Local Government within Children's Services. I have also done a great deal of work for the Union, UNISON mainly for Local Government. So I have an awareness of local issues and what goes on in other areas. All these ideas I can bring to your area to invigorate it. With the changes in the future I feel you need a strong Town Council to make sure Arlesey is steered in the right direction. I am very fond of Glebe Meadows, Arlesey is a pleasant place to be and that could be further improved.



**Cllr David West**

I was born in Arlesey and married with two children. I went to school in the village and then to Samuel Whitbread. I worked for the NAAFI for 22 years and now a full time carer for my wife. I have held the St Johns long service medal and bar, a member of the CIH I attended extra training courses from OCR level to ITQ as well City & Guilds and hold a training certificate in Every Action Counts. I have been on the Town Council since 2007 and have a keen interest in environmental issues.



**Cllr Andy White**

I have lived in the south of the village for over 13 years. I work as a maintenance engineer in Welwyn Garden City. I am a father of three young children who all attend the local schools, they are also all members of the 1st Arlesey Scouts group, and this is the reason why I help the group as an adult assistant. My wife and I moved to the village in search of a more rural environment. Arlesey is surrounded by a fantastic

network of footpaths, bridleways and open green spaces which are very well maintained and accessible to all, this all needs preserving for future generations. I have been a member of Arlesey Town Council for two years and strongly believe that it is the best range of members across the whole village than in past years.

## Public Exhibition

### Land East and West of High Street, Arlesey

A public exhibition is to be held by the **Arlesey Consortium** as part of its community engagement on proposals for a site east and west of High Street, Arlesey. The site is allocated for a mixed use development comprising, 1,000+ dwellings, employment and retail uses in **Central Bedfordshire Council's Local Development Framework**.

This is the first stage of public consultation on the development site and will be focused on baseline information such as constraints and opportunities. It will help to inform future work on a masterplan for the site, which will be the subject of further consultation at a later date.

Representatives of the Arlesey Consortium's Project Team will staff the exhibition, along with Officers from Central Bedfordshire Council, and will explain the information presented and, wherever possible, answer any questions.

**The exhibition is to be held at Arlesey Village Hall, High Street, Arlesey on the following dates:**

**Friday 22 June: 13:00 – 19.30**

**Saturday 23 June: 10:00 – 15:00**

#### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**Diamond Jubilee Celebrations 2-5 June 2012**

**Arlesey Family Fun Day 14 July 2012**

#### ACTIVITIES HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL

To book the Village Hall for your parties and special occasions please contact the Town Council Office. Listed here are the activities that regularly take place.

Monday	-	9.30 - 11.30am	Tiny Talk
Tuesday	-	9 - 11.30am 6.30 - 8.00pm 7.00pm	Parents and Toddlers, Toy Library Stotfold Twirlers 2 <sup>nd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday Town Council 1 <sup>st</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday
Wednesday	-	10.00 - 11.30am 4.15 - 8.15pm	Slimming World Dance Beat
Thursday	-	9.00 - 11.30am 6.30 - 7.30pm 8.00 - 9.30pm	Parents and Toddlers, Toy Library Weight Watchers Team Te-ma Fitness
Friday	-	10.00 -11.00am 2.00-4.00pm	Team Te-ma Fitness Short Mat Bowls



#### **ARLESEY RESOURCE CENTRE & LIBRARY**

The Resource Centre is not just a library! It has become a popular meeting place for the community with a number of activities being held for both adults & children.

The library stock is constantly being updated, with new books for adults & children, offering a wide selection of fiction and non-fiction books, many of which are new releases. We have just taken delivery of the full series of Family Doctor publications, very kindly donated by Dr Attias and the staff at Arlesey Medical Centre

Details of all the services available at the Resource Centre are listed below:

- Library services
  - Book loan

- Book requests
- DVD hire (large range available via Central Bedfordshire Catalogue)
- Audio books
- Business services
  - Fax
  - Printing/photocopying
  - Scanner
  - Internet
- Electronic library services via Central Bedfordshire Virtual Library ([www.galaxy.bedfordshire.gov.uk/cgi-bin/vlib.sh](http://www.galaxy.bedfordshire.gov.uk/cgi-bin/vlib.sh)). Please ask in the Resource Centre for a pin number
- Book renewal via e-mail: [enquiries@arleseyresourcecentre.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@arleseyresourcecentre.org.uk)
- Rhyme time sessions for 0-5 year old children (Booking is essential)
  - Tuesdays 2.00 to 2.45pm
  - Wednesdays 9.30 to 11.15am
- Story Time & Craft sessions for pre-school age children
  - Fridays, term time only 9.15 to 10.15am
- Computer Courses via Spark Adult Learning (please ask for details of next course)
- Yoga classes with Freda Dodsworth (Tuesday evenings, call 01767 627611)
- Pilates classes with Margaret Brabook (Wednesday evenings, call 01462 730277)
- Tea and coffee available to purchase

If you are a Facebook user please ask to join our Facebook Group - search for Arlesey Resource Centre & Library and send us a request to join. All news & local information is posted on our page.

**Opening times:**

Monday 2.30pm to 4.30pm

Tuesday 1pm to 5pm

Wednesday 9am to 12.30pm

Thursday 1pm to 5.30pm

Friday 9am to 12.30pm

Saturday 10am to 1pm

**News from the Resource Centre:**

We recently held a charity cupcake sale, which was very generously supported by our users. We have been able to send a cheque for £228 to Brain Tumour UK. Thank you to everyone who supported this event.

I was very fortunate to be chosen as Judge on BBC radio 2's Chris Evans Breakfast show 500 words story competition! This is an annual event where children are asked to write an original story in... 500 words!

Please let us know if there are any books you'd like to see at the Resource Centre or if you have any suggestions to help the Centre meet the demands of our community.

Come along and join the library, its FREE! We'd love to see you!!!

Sam Ward  
Resource Centre Manager

**ARLESEY MEDICAL CENTRE**

We are pleased to report continued growth of the surgery and now have nearly 3,000 patients registered with us. We are grateful for the continued support of the people of Arlesey.

We are pleased to welcome Dr Alison Holt as our new second GP with effect from 2 April 2012. Dr Holt is an experienced GP and we are delighted that she has agreed to join us and believe she will be a great asset to the surgery.

We would remind adult patients that appointment bookings for the doctors and repeat prescription requests can be made by Internet anytime day or night. Registration is simple; just ask at reception for the necessary details. Our website also includes any current news and also can be used to communicate with the surgery on non-urgent matters.

The address is:

[www.arleseymedicalcentre.nhs.uk](http://www.arleseymedicalcentre.nhs.uk)

Our website has been upgraded in recent months and we encourage you to browse our pages.

Patients with Internet access may also wish to browse the NHS Choices website:

[www.nhs.uk/Pages/HomePage.aspx](http://www.nhs.uk/Pages/HomePage.aspx)

This provides a wealth of information on surgeries, hospitals, dentists, healthy living and medical advice. In addition, you can now add comments regarding your

surgery or hospital - look for the section "Give Hospital or GP Feedback". We genuinely welcome any comments you may wish to make and, where possible, implement any changes that are needed.

**The surgery is open:**

Monday	08.00 - 12.00	14.00 - 18.00
Tuesday	08.00 - 12.00	14.00 - 18.00
Wednesday	08.00 - 11.00	14.00 - 18.00
Thursday	** 07.30 - 12.00	14.00 - 18.00
Friday	** 07.30 - 12.00	14.00 - 18.00

\*\* Telephone service from 8am

Outside of surgery hours please telephone the surgery on 01462 628128 to access emergency care.

**Useful Numbers**

Arlesey Medical Centre	01462 628128
Health Visitor	01462 648440
Midwife	01462 648440
Community Nurses	0845 602 4064
Lister Hospital	01438 314333

**Health Shuttle to Lister Hospital**

Just a reminder, the shuttle is available to our patients who wish to travel to Lister Hospital Mondays to Fridays (excluding Bank Holidays). Call the Health Shuttle Desk for details on 01483 726219

**ARLESEY PHARMACY**

31 High Street, Arlesey, Beds SG15 6RA. Tel: 01462 731200. Fax: 01462 834068

Mr Samil Shah MRPharmS is the superintendent pharmacist and owner.  
The pharmacy benefits from extended opening hours, which are:

Monday to Friday	8.45am - 1.00pm	2.30pm - 6.15pm
Saturday and Sunday	Closed	

The pharmacy provides numerous FREE services, some of which are listed below:

- Repeat prescription "drop-off" and collection service from Arlesey Medical Centre and Larksfield (Stotfold) Surgery
- Prescription delivery service to ALL Arlesey residents



## DIAMOND JUBILEE

One of the Town Council's aspirations is to have a permanent village entrance feature for Arlesey. Arlesey Town Council would like to ask the residents which of the two following features they would most prefer to see in place

It is unlikely this project will be completed for the Jubilee weekend, but Council intend to have the project completed within this Jubilee Year.

Please indicate below which feature you would most like to see for Arlesey and return this page to the

### Town Council Office By Friday 2 June 2012

Small Brick Structure

Wooden Entrance Gates





## DIAMOND JUBILEE

The Diamond Jubilee is being celebrated over 2-5 June 2012, There are various events being held throughout Arlesey over the weekend.

Listed below are events organised by individual local organisations.

(Details were correct at time of going to print)

### SATURDAY 2 JUNE from 11am

**Arlesey Churches** combined will be doing a sponsored Jubilee Walk. Proceeds will go towards St Peter's Restoration Fund. The walk will commence at 11am from the Parish Church with a walk through the village to end at the Methodist Church where cream teas will be served at approx 1pm, followed by a performance from Gothic Mede Lower School Maypole dancers at 2pm.

### SATURDAY 2 JUNE 5-11pm

**Arlesey Residents Association (ARA)** will be holding an event in the football club grounds. They will be having an articulated lorry where local bands can perform live music. The small charge for tickets £2 per person or £5 per family. Food will be available in the club and a raffle will also be held.

### SUNDAY 3 JUNE 2-4pm

**Arlesey Town Council** will be holding a Children's Party in the Village Hall. To guarantee entry please obtain a free ticket from the Town Council Office. There will be limited numbers, parents will need to be responsible for their children at all times. There will be a children's entertainer followed by face painting and mini disco, food and drink will be available.

### SUNDAY 3 JUNE 7pm-Late

ABBA Tribute band tickets will be available from the Town Council Office or Cllr Chris Howitt £5 per ticket. There will be a licensed bar.

### MONDAY 4 JUNE 11am-2pm

**Arlesey Parents and Toddlers** would like to invite families to fly a kite for the Jubilee Celebration bring a picnic and kites can be purchased for £1.50

### MONDAY 4 JUNE 9.30pm

**Explorer Scouts** will be building a Beacon to be lit at 9.30pm in the field behind the White Horse Public House. The Beacon is registered for 'The Queens Diamond Jubilee Beacons'. The Queens Beacon will be the last beacon to be lit at 10.30pm



## DIAMOND JUBILEE

As part of the Queens Diamond Jubilee Celebration Arlesey Town Council would like to present a gift of a Jubilee Coin to all the children of Arlesey.

To ensure your child or children receives this gift please complete the form and collect the coin from the **Arlesey Town Council Office from 25 May 2012.**

CHILDS NAME:.....

ADDRESS:.....

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CHILDS NAME:.....

CHILDS NAME:.....

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE:.....





## DIAMOND JUBILEE

### Children's Party

Children's Entertainment by  
**'WOODY WHIZZ'**

Face painting and mini disco  
Refreshments available

SUNDAY 3 JUNE 2012  
ARLESEY VILLAGE HALL  
2PM - 4PM

If you would like your child to attend please collect a free ticket from the Town Council Office to guarantee entry

**N.B Parents will be responsible for their children at all times.**



### An Evening with an ABBA Tribute Band

SUNDAY 3 JUNE 2012  
ARLESEY VILLAGE HALL 7 PM -LATE  
Licensed Bar

TICKETS £5

Please purchase from Arlesey Town Council Office

or

Cllr Chris Howitt 07885 743847

All Proceeds will go to the Mayor's Charity (to be announced)



- Medicines and advice on common illnesses, health promotion and local health and social support
- Disposal of unwanted medicines (excluding needles)
- Medicine Use Review - this is an opportunity for you to discuss with your pharmacist any issues you may have with your medication
- Care Home medication and documentation supply

Additional services available are:

- Stop-Smoking Service
- Emergency Hormonal Treatment ("morning after pill").
- Gluten-free food supply service
- Stockist of pet medicines

Please visit or ring the pharmacy on 01462 731200 for further details

### SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL INDEPENDENT PHARMACY

#### ACRE WOOD DAY NURSERY

For more information please contact Peter Cremin 01462 835550 or visit [www.acrewooddaynursery.co.uk](http://www.acrewooddaynursery.co.uk)

#### AISLE O'VAR BACKSWORDING CLUBBE LTD

For further information or to book your place contact Pete on 07880 605377, email [info@backswording.co.uk](mailto:info@backswording.co.uk) or go to [www.backswording.co.uk](http://www.backswording.co.uk)

#### ARLESEY BEAVERS, CUBS AND SCOUTS

We meet at the Scout Headquarters, Cluny Meadow. There is a waiting list in operation for Beavers and Cubs so please call to register your child and a place will be allocated to the appropriate group for your child's age, when available. Call Stuart McGuire (A/Group Scout Leader) on 07762 732661

#### ARLESEY CONSERVATION FOR NATURE (ACORN)

For more information contact the Secretary Christina Harris on 01462 734076. Or email [acorn.arlesey@ntlworld.com](mailto:acorn.arlesey@ntlworld.com)

#### ARLESEY KARATE CLUB (JKSK)

For more information please contact Sensei Tan 01462 730551 email [info@jsk.co.uk](mailto:info@jsk.co.uk) or visit [www.jsk.co.uk](http://www.jsk.co.uk)

#### ARLESEY NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

You can contact John Button your area co-ordinator on 01462 732419. Linda Clapham on 01462 735729 and Les Hayes on 01462 732938 deputy area co-ordinators.

### **ARLESEY NURSERY AND CHILDCARE CENTRE**

For information on Nursery, Childcare and Holiday Club please call 01462 732168 email [arlesey@cbc.beds.sch.uk](mailto:arlesey@cbc.beds.sch.uk) or visit [www.arleseynursery.co.uk](http://www.arleseynursery.co.uk)

### **ARLESEY OLD MOAT NATURE RESERVE**

For more information contact voluntary Warden Roger Watson Tel: 01462 731963.

### **ARLESEY PARENT AND TODDLER GROUP and TOY LIBRARY**

For more information call Paula 0794465806

[www.arleseyparenttoddler.org.uk](http://www.arleseyparenttoddler.org.uk)

### **ARLESEY PRE-SCHOOL**

Please call in and see us anytime or telephone 07815 293670 for more information.

### **ARLESEY HISTORICAL ARCHIVE GROUP**

For more information please contact Lesley at the Arlesey Town Council Office 01462 733722 or email [assistantclerk@arleseytc.co.uk](mailto:assistantclerk@arleseytc.co.uk)

### **ARLESEY SHORT MAT BOWLS**

For more information please contact Doreen Rix 01462 731697

### **ARLESEY TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB**

For more information regarding Arlesey Town FC please call 01462 734504 or visit [www.arleseyfc.co.uk](http://www.arleseyfc.co.uk)

### **ARLESEY TOWN YOUTH FOOTBALL CLUB**

For more information Contact Steve Hazelwood 01462 732147 or 07867 860872 Email: [hazelwood1972@virginmedia.com](mailto:hazelwood1972@virginmedia.com) visit club website: [www.atyfc2010.co.uk](http://www.atyfc2010.co.uk)

### **ARLESEY WOMENS INSTITUTE**

The WI Hall is available for booking for parties, dances etc. Contact: Katie Juffs 01462 638286 or Wendy Pink 01462 625235

### **ARLESEY YOUTH CLUB**

For more information on Make a Difference (MaD) and how to get involved in anyway please visit our website [www.mad-uk.org](http://www.mad-uk.org) phone MaD on 01908 231312, email [info@mad-uk.org](mailto:info@mad-uk.org)

### **ASHRA**

ASHRA (Arlesey Sheltered Housing Residents Association) needs new members, with enthusiasm and new ideas.

For further information, contact Norma 01462 733112 or Rita 01462 732229

### **RED BEAR CHILDRENS CENTRE**

For details of groups call 01462 730623 or email [redbear@cbc.beds.sch.uk](mailto:redbear@cbc.beds.sch.uk) or visit [www.redbearchildrenscentre.org.uk](http://www.redbearchildrenscentre.org.uk)

### **DANCEBEAT**

Contact Nicola Hughes for more details

01462 674296 or email [nicola\\_dancebeat@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:nicola_dancebeat@hotmail.co.uk)

### **ETONBURY ACADEMY**

If you would like further information please contact the school on 01462 730391

Email [office@etonbury.cbeds.co.uk](mailto:office@etonbury.cbeds.co.uk) or visit [www.etonbury.com](http://www.etonbury.com)

### **GLEBE MEADOWS**

For more information please contact Karl 01462 731117

[www.arleseywalks.co.uk/walk1.asp](http://www.arleseywalks.co.uk/walk1.asp)

### **GOTHIC MEDE LOWER SCHOOL**

If you would like further information please contact the school on 01462 732002 or email on [gothicmede@cbc.beds.sch.uk](mailto:gothicmede@cbc.beds.sch.uk) or visit [www.gothicmede.co.uk](http://www.gothicmede.co.uk)

### **STOTFOLD TWIRLERS**

If interested please call Sonia on 07732 505614 or email [sonia.crook@hotmail.com](mailto:sonia.crook@hotmail.com)

### **TEAM TE-MA FITNESS**

For further information or to book your place contact Pete on 07880 605377 email [teamte-ma@backswording.co.uk](mailto:teamte-ma@backswording.co.uk) or go to [www.backswording.co.uk](http://www.backswording.co.uk)

### **TINY TALK**

For more information or to reserve a space please call Fran Rolfe on 01462 850115 or email [franr@tinytalk.co.uk](mailto:franr@tinytalk.co.uk)

You can also check out the website [www.tinytalk.co.uk](http://www.tinytalk.co.uk)

### **TWO BLUES ART GROUP**

Come and see what we do and have a coffee and a chat, you would be most welcome.

Contact: Chris White 01462 639468 or email [cswwhite@ntlworld.com](mailto:cswwhite@ntlworld.com)

### **VIVACE CHOIR**

You can find out more from our website [www.vivacechoir.co.uk](http://www.vivacechoir.co.uk) or by calling the Secretary on 01462 735642.

### **VILLAGE AGENT**

Information to follow

## YOGA THE SCIENCE OF LIVING

For more information telephone Freda 01767 627611

## WALK4HEALTH

For more information please contact Brian and Katie Juffs 01462 638286-visit [www.arleseywalks.co.uk](http://www.arleseywalks.co.uk)

**101 is now the number to call when you want to contact your local police – when it's less urgent than 999**

My car has been stolen

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I want to talk to someone about a crime

I suspect someone is selling stolen goods

I suspect drug dealing in my neighbourhood

My phone has been stolen and I need a crime number

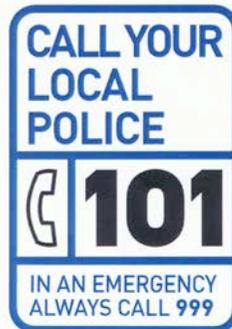
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**LEGION**

*YOUR LOCAL BRANCH OF THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION*

**Are you aware that there is a Stotfold & Arlesey Branch of the Royal British Legion. In this day and age our Service personnel, both young and old, need all the help we can give them.**

**You do not need to have served in the H.M. Forces to become a full member of the Legion.**

**The Branch need people who can give a few hours of their time to help the Charity in many ways.**

**Maybe you would like to help in fundraising as a Poppy Appeal Collector or direct help in Welfare as a Branch Caseworker.**

**For further information contact the Branch Secretary on 01462 734133**

### RBL POPPY APPEAL 2012

The people of Arlesey raised a record amount for the Poppy Appeal 2011.

The total amount was £1,140. Sale of Wreaths etc raised £239, sale of poppies in shops, pubs and clubs raised £635 and the collection at the Remembrance Service was £266 Well done and thank you.

The 2012 Poppy Appeal will run from 27 October to 11 November. Poppies and small crosses will be available throughout the village.

The Remembrance Service will be at 3 pm at the War Memorial on Sunday 11 November. If you wish to order a wreath, car poppy, enamel badges or a number of crosses, these will be available from the 3 September.

Please contact the Poppy Appeal Organiser for Arlesey - Vic Williams on 07746 464260 Or post a note through my door at 10 Glebe Avenue and I will send you details including the cost.

Together lets see if we can top the 2011 amount.

If you would like to join the RBL local Branch, contact the secretary David Langridge on 01462 734133

**Vic Williams**  
**Poppy Appeal Organiser for Arlesey**



# Girlguiding

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**Guides (10 – 14 years) Helen 01462 733248 or  
0707852138486**

**Senior Section (14 – 26 years) Sue or Helen**

Or go to  
[www.girlguidingarlesey.btck.co.uk](http://www.girlguidingarlesey.btck.co.uk)

### FRAN ROLFE NOMINATED IN NATIONAL CHILDREN'S AWARDS SCHEME!

The nominees for the prestigious What's On 4 2012 Junior Awards in association with Konfidence have just been announced - and Bedfordshire's Fran Rolfe is amongst them!

This exciting awards programme, which is once again supported by Prima Baby & Pregnancy magazine, is now in its sixth year and celebrates the best activities, classes, volunteers and venues from throughout the UK as nominated and voted for by the experts - parents and parents-to-be.

**Fran Rolfe from Clifton, who teaches baby signing classes 'TinyTalk' at Arlesey Village Hall, Campton and Broom, Bedfordshire is a nominee in the Most Outstanding Activity Leader for the Under 5s (South) Award category sponsored by MusicBags, which means she has received at least 5 nominations and will now go through to the national voting stage!**

This year, the awards are bigger than ever, covering 19 different categories ranging from Best Pre/ Post Natal Activity to Best After School Club. A record 4,200 nominations have been received - 30% more than in 2011 and so this nomination is a great achievement.

Using sign language with babies has become more popular in recent years. Classes teach parents and their babies simple signs that can be used everyday to enrich communication. Babies are able to understand far more than they are able to verbalise, but can communicate using their hands long before they are able to speak words.

**Fran Rolfe from TinyTalk Mid-Bedfordshire said:** "I loved signing with my children; it was amazing to understand what they were thinking, what they were interested in and how they saw the world. I started teaching TinyTalk classes nearly 5 years ago in order to help families benefit from their child's early communication too - it has been fantastic fun and so rewarding! This nomination means a lot to me as it has come from my TinyTalk mums"

Each and every children's activity, party venue, entertainer and volunteer from throughout the UK had the opportunity to be nominated and the number of nominations this year reflects the support from the nation's parents for these exciting awards and their eagerness to reward the very best!

**FOR MORE INFORMATION, LOGOS/VISUALS OR FOR A PHOTOSHOOT OPPORTUNITY, PLEASE CONTACT FRAN ROLFE AT TINYTALK ON 01462 850115 / 0774 068 4146 AND [franr@tinytalk.co.uk](mailto:franr@tinytalk.co.uk)**

# VIVACE CELEBRATES 10 YEARS!

Vivace, the Arlesey-based chamber choir celebrates its 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year. To mark the occasion, they are working for a celebratory concert on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> May at Christ Church in Hitchin (opposite Waitrose). The choir will be performing Brahms German Requiem accompanied by Kate Elmitt on piano and a string ensemble. The choir's regular musical director, John Andrews, will conduct the performance, with soloists Isla Dennis (soprano) and Robin Gildon (baritone).

The concert starts at 7.30pm and tickets, priced £10 (£8 for teenagers) are available from Karen on 01462 490220. Do come and support the local choir.

Vivace is always on the look out for keen singers to join in all voice parts. If you're not sure whether you're a soprano, alto, tenor or bass, we'll tell you, so don't worry! Rehearsals are in Arlesey on Wednesday evenings during school term

from 7.30pm – 9.30pm. Details about how to join can be found on the choir's website: [www.vivacechoir.co.uk](http://www.vivacechoir.co.uk).

## London Olympics 2012

The Olympic flame will pass through Letchworth on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> July. To mark this one-off occasion, an event is being proposed to see the flame on its way and celebrate the start of the Olympic season.

It's a busy time of year so the aim is to keep it simple and as inclusive as possible. What is proposed is a fancy-dress walk from Arlesey through Fairfield Park, up the footpath that runs to the left of Thorne's Garden & Poultry Centre meeting the Garden City Greenway route on the Grange and through to Norton (a distance of about 5km from the bottom of West Drive), where the flame arrives at 11.19am. The flame follows a route through Letchworth for about 40 minutes before being taken in convoy to Stevenage.

The fancy-dress theme is either flag colours from participating nations or, for the real extroverts, National Costume of a participating nation!

Afterwards, we will amble back to Arlesey and there will be refreshments and maybe some entertainment at the Village Hall, perhaps followed by some sprint races for adults and children. It's a work-in-progress! It is hoped that families and people of all ages can take part in the walk and, those that would have difficulty walking that far, can join us at the Village Hall and on the rec.

Even a fairly simple event like this requires some funding for various things including insurance, hall hire and advertising. If any local businesses (or individuals) would like to offer some sponsorship, it would be greatly appreciated, as we would like to offer this as a free event to participants. An organising group is being formed, led by Isla Dennis. You can call Isla on 07792 175085 if you want to discuss sponsorship or offer to help.

## INFORMATION COLUMN

Age Concern (Bedford)	01234 216002
Alcoholics Anonymous	0845 7697 555
Arlesey Medical Centre	01462 628128
Aragon Housing Association: Enquires	0300 123 5544
Emergency	0808 144 2809
Bedfordshire Advocacy for Older People	01234 218880
Bedfordshire Police (non emergency)	01234 841212
Bogus Caller Hotline	0845 4040 506
<b>Central Bedfordshire</b>	0300 300 8000
Childline	0800 1111
<b>Citizens' Advice Bureau:</b> Biggleswade	01767 601368
Letchworth	0845 6889 897
Crimestoppers	0800 555 111
Electricity	0800 7838 838
First Capital Connect - Railway	08450 264 700
FRANK (alcohol & drug abuse)	0800 776 600
Gas Emergency	0800 111 999
<b>Hospitals:</b> Lister Stevenage	01438 314333
Bedford Hospital	01234 355122
Larksfield Surgery	01462 732200
Missing Persons	0500 700 700
National Rail Enquiry	08457 484 950
NHS Direct	0845 4647
NSPCC	0808 800 5000
National Domestic Abuse Helpline (freephone)	0808 2021 796
QUIT (helping smokers to quit)	0800 002 200
ParentlinePlus (freephone)	0808 8002 222
Register of Births, Deaths and Marriages:	
Central Bedfordshire	0300 300 8089
Hitchin and Stevenage	01438 316579
Relate	01462 679139
Samaritans	0845 7909 090
Water	08457 145 145

## WORSHIP

St Peter's Church, Church of England, Church Lane, Arlesey  
The Reverend Susan Edwards - 01462 731227

Methodist Church, High Street, Arlesey  
The Reverend Bob Forrest B.D - 01582 727880

King's Baptist Church, Stotfold - Reverend Philip Amos  
King's Baptist Church Office - 01462 730521

St Francis of Assisi, Catholic, High Street, Shefford  
Canon Ben Noonan - 01462 813436

The Church of Our Lady Immaculate and St Andrew, Catholic  
16 Nightingale Road, Hitchin  
Father Michael Lambert - 01462 459126

## SCHOOLS

**Arlesey Nursery School,**  
Headteacher - Mrs Penny Mason, High Street, Arlesey SG15 6SL -  
01462 732168

**Gothic Mede Lower School,**  
Headteacher - Mr D Archer  
High Street, Arlesey SG15 6SL - 01462 732002

**Etonbury Academy,**  
Headteacher - Dr A Mistrano, Stotfold Road, Arlesey SG15 6XS - 01462 730391

**Samuel Whitbread School,**  
Principal - Mr R Robson, Shefford Road, Clifton SG17 5QS - 01462 851200

## HEALTH FACILITIES

**Dentist** Stotfold 01462 731938  
Hitchin 01462 438438  
**Opticians** Stotfold 01462 732393

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