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Why Not Join The Parish Council?

Are you passionate about making a difference in our community? Our extremely busy Parish Council is looking for dedicated individuals to join us and help shape the future of our area.

As we are such a busy council, we highly recommend that all potential applicants attend the upcoming Parish Council meeting on 10th September (7pm, Aylesham Community Trust Main Hall, Ackholt Road) before applying, to gain a deeper understanding of our council's operations.

The closing date for applications is 17:00 on Friday, 27th September, applicants will then be invited to attend the October Parish Council meeting on 8th October 2024.

See details on the notice, right.



AYLESHAM PARISH COUNCIL

NOTICE OF CO-OPTION FOR ONE PARISH COUNCILLOR VACANCY

Following the recently advertised casual vacancy for the statutory notice period, the Returning Officer for Dover District Council has confirmed that the Regulation 10 requests from Electors have not been fulfilled. Aylesham Parish Council can therefore now fill the casual vacancy by co-option.

To be able to stand as a Parish Councillor, an applicant must satisfy certain criteria:

- Be at least 18 years old on the day of application.
- Be a British citizen, an eligible Commonwealth citizen or a citizen of any other member state of the European Union.
- They are, and will continue to be, registered as a local government Elector for the Parish from the day of their application onwards.
- They have occupied as owner or tenant any land or other premises in the Parish during the whole of the 12 months before the day of their application.
- Their principal or only place of work has during the whole twelve months preceding the co-option, been in the Parish of Aylesham.
- They have lived in the Parish or within three miles of it during the whole of the 12 months before the day of their application.

In order to apply to be a Parish Councillor with us you must complete a Co-Option Application Form.

Further information and the application form are available on our website: www.aylesham.org.uk

or by contacting our Deputy Officer Moira Purcell either by email: moira@aylesham.org.uk or by telephone: 01793 536172 (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 09.00-15.00)

The deadline for completed applications is 17.00pm on Friday 27th September 2024.

Views sought on village future

A consultation as part of an initial planning process has been announced by AXIS Land Partnerships, acting on behalf of the landowners.

Several hundred dwellings are earmarked in the Local Plan for land to the south of Spinney Lane. So we are now being consulted on how this area will be developed. This can help determine the type of properties, the built environment, the additional services that should come as part of the development.

Details of the first community consultation event can be found on the back page of this magazine.



The boxing kangaroos were a massive hit at the Summer Picnic

Organisers, *Aylesham 4 Aylesham*, paid for the face painter, the Kangaroos, the Cheeky Rum band and provided their own bubble party handing out free bubbles to ensure that all members of the community can have an enjoyable day.

Aylesham Arts Club made the traditional 'funny photo frames' with a circus theme.

They would like to thank Alan Taylor of One Call Electrical, Trueloo and Ovendens for their continued support.

■ Preparations are now in hand for the Christmas Lights turn on.

If any of you would like to be part of the preparations or can help out on the day - please send a message via our Facebook page or call 07392001300.

Plan announced for Trust AGM

THE Aylesham Community Trust AGM and Community Showcase will be held on 26 November, 6pm.

The annual meeting will feature guest speaker Kate Flannery from the Orgreave Truth and Justice Campaign. This event promises to be an enlightening and engaging evening for all attendees.

In addition to the AGM, there will be a *Community Showcase* from 2pm to 6pm. This showcase will highlight the incredible work

and achievements of local organisations and community members that have been supported through our partnership with the Coalfields Regeneration Trust.

Emily Barnes, Trust CEO said: "It's a fantastic opportunity to connect, learn, and celebrate the vibrant community spirit of Aylesham.

Don't miss out on this important event. We look forward to seeing you there"

The event will be in the Main Hall at ACT, Achholt Road, Aylesham.

Garden Competition Results Are In!

The judges visited all gardens entered on Thursday, July 11th, and we're thrilled to announce the winners of the 2024 Aylesham & Snowdown Garden Competition. Congratulations to everyone who participated—you've made our community blossom!

LARGE REAR GARDEN:

1st Place: Brian Bean

Joint 2nd Place:

George Worton & Dawn Stapleton

BEST SMALL GARDEN:

1st Place: Matthew & Laura May

2nd Place: Graham Clemas

BEST FRONT GARDEN:

1st Place: Debbie Theobald

2nd Place: Sylvia Armstrong

BEST PATIO:

1st Place: Ian Hills

BEST VEGETABLE GARDEN:

1st Place: Ian Hills

Thank you to all our participants for their hard work and dedication.

■ Additional thanks to *Aylesham4Aylesham* for allowing us to present trophies to the winners at their event.

Breast Cancer Awareness Event Raises £300

THE recent Breast Cancer Awareness Raising Event held at Aylesham Community Trust successfully raised £300 to support breast cancer research and patient care.

The event brought together community members, survivors, and supporters in a collective effort to increase awareness and fund vital initiatives.

A special thank you to Kay Sutcliffe, Nikki Hanagan, Beverly Rigden, and Frankie Bushell for making and supplying our cakes. We also extend our gratitude to Andy Ruffell and Peter Nix for donating raffle prizes, and to Bechange for making us the beneficiaries of the Community Lunch donations for the week.

The funds raised will be directed towards local breast cancer charities, providing essential resources and support to those affected by the disease.



**The support you
need, when you
need it from**



YOUR FOODBANK

**DEAL AREA FOODBANK
also covers AYLESHAM and
neighbouring villages, offering
support to local people who are
struggling to make ends meet.**

We also know, that with the current rise in cost of living, that it is not just families with school aged children that are struggling. We understand that people's financial situations are harder right now, not just those with children.

As the cost of living rises and budgets are stretched, unexpected costs, such as a broken appliance, a large utility bill or an increase in petrol for essential journeys, can push households into crisis and debt.

As well as supporting with food and essential household items, we may be able to help you, through the Household Support Fund, to meet some of these extra demands on your household budget.

If you need help you are not alone, we are here to give you the support you need. We help people in many different circumstances, you do not need to be on benefits, you may be working or

retired, young or old. Whether you are living alone, as a couple or in a larger family unit. Everyone's circumstances are different, and we will treat you with respect and kindness, we know how tough things are right now.

How to get help from us:

We are working with our partners Bechange Community Hub who are based in Aylesham.



**Bechange, Ackholt Road,
Aylesham CT3 3AJ
Tel: 01304 840134**

You can give them a call on **01304 840134 or 07889 595426** between 9am and 5pm or call in to one of their drop-in sessions **Monday, Wednesday or Friday 10am - 12pm.**

You can also contact Deal Area Foodbank on 01304 728428 or 07926599439

If you don't get through straight away, please leave a message, someone will always get back to you

"The Foodbank is here for you when you need it"

MANY of you will know Angela from Bechange Community Hub, but she is also a trustee for Deal Area Foodbank.



ANGELA

Angela is keen to get the message out to local people in Aylesham that there is emergency food support available to people living in Aylesham and the Surrounding areas. *Here she responds to some FAQs about the Foodbank.*

How long have to been a trustee and why are you involved?

I have been a trustee for Deal Area Foodbank for 4 years, but through Bechange's partnership with the Foodbank I have work collaboratively with them for over 10 year now.

Anyone can find themselves in financial crisis and I am passionate about making sure that people in our area know about the service and can easily access it if they need too.

How does it work?

The Foodbank that covers Aylesham and the surrounding areas is based in Deal. Twice a week, on Tuesday and Friday mornings from 9.30am to 10.30 am their Community Matters van comes to the hub. The van is stocked up with groceries and household items. Before going to the van those requiring support need to have a chat with one of our support team, so that we can refer them to use the van.

What will you ask?

We just ask a few questions, such as name and address and what is causing the current financial crisis for you. We will also need to know who is living in the household, so that we can tell the Foodbank how many people you will need food for.

Our support team are empathic and kind. Anything you tell us will be treated with the upmost discretion.

How does someone contact Bechange to arrange a visit to the van?

There are several ways to contact us. You can call us on our main number 01304 840134 or you can drop in to Bechange from 9am to 4pm, Monday to Friday. If you phone and we are not available, please do leave a message with your name and number, we will call you back. Some people do contact us on facebook messenger, however these can be missed so it is better to try and give us a call or drop in. When we have taken your details we will tell you when the next visit from the van will be. The Community Matters van parks behind Bechange by the community garden, but don't worry, there will always be someone to show you where to go.

What happens when I visit the van ?

You will be met by the Foodbank volunteers who will ask you name. They will then assist you to choose items from the shelves. You will be able to take enough food to cover the needs of your household for three days.

What do I do if I need food and I am not able to wait until a Tuesday or Friday ?

We hold some emergency bags which we may be able to give you. They are prepacked and are available to cover you until the Foodbank is in the area. Please note though, we are not open at the weekend.

What happens if I can't get to the van?

If for some reason you are not able to visit the van, please do still phone us, as in some circumstances we can arrange for a delivery to be made to you.

Who can use the Foodbank?

The service is for anyone in financial crisis and not able to buy food. You do not have to be on benefits to access the Foodbank and you may be working. The Foodbank is there for families, single households, couples, young and older people.

There are many reasons people find themselves in financial crisis, it may be a delay in benefits, change of job, a sudden high bill, debt or a car breaking down. At Bechange and Deal Area Foodbank we would always encourage you to contact us, rather than struggle. You are not alone.



What's On at the Old School this Autumn?



Join today for just £1 – special offer extended!

Until 31st October you can become a Member of the Aylesham Community Trust for a discounted price of £1. Join up to have a say in the future of the Aylesham Community Trust and to vote at our AGM which will take place on the 26th November. Call or email for more information.



Our Camerados Public Living Room is open 0930-12pm every Tuesday and 12-2pm every Thursday and offers visitors free tea, coffee and a selection of games and bookshare. No need to book just pop in for a warm welcome and friendly chat.



The Aylesham Business Network (ABN) meet on the first Thursday of every month in our Common Room from 8am.

If you own a local business why not drop in to help expand your network & connect with like-minded professionals, entrepreneurs, and experts to exchange ideas, experiences, and opportunities.



Yoga classes with Caroline are available every Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday in the health and wellbeing studio.



The **Aylesham Amateur Boxing Club** run popular sessions every Monday, Wednesday and Friday in their dedicated space.

Look out for further details of their next Exhibition match which is coming up soon



Karate Sessions run every Wednesday night in the Main Hall from 5pm.



Judo Sessions run every Thursday afternoon in the Main Hall (from 3.45pm).



Majorettes meet most Thursday nights in the Main Hall (from 5.30pm).



Snowdown Colliery Male Voice Choir meet every Monday in the Main Hall



The **Aylesham Heritage Centre** will be meeting in the Community HQ space on the 11th and 18th September (both Wednesdays) between 10am – 2pm

For more information on any of these activities please visit www.aylesham.org.uk or get in touch on 01304 842 826 or info@aylesham.org.uk

Don't forget!

**You can find these great places
up at the Old School Site too**



Kent Libraries

**Lots of reasons to drop in so why not pop
up and see us sooner rather than later?**



For more information on any of these activities please visit www.aylesham.org.uk
or get in touch on 01304 842 826 or info@aylesham.org.uk



Aylesham Arts Club

Aylesham arts club was founded in 2021 in response to the global COVID-19 outbreak as a way to keep the community spirit together by providing some simple creative lessons online and when lock-down was lifted, in-person club sessions were started at Bechange - our local community hub.

The club provides a weekly open session where anyone can turn up and have a go at some art with all equipment provided for a small donation. We have also been involved with local community projects where our members have produced works very well received by the public.

To find out more about our art club please visit our website:
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Market Place, Aylesham CT3 3EZ

Phone: 01304 206766

MASS TIMES

Wednesday 10.15am.

Sundays 11.15am



*Our parish
priest is
Fr Leo*



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www.awt.org.uk

Aylesham Community Trust, Ackholt Road,
Aylesham, Kent CT3 3AJ 01304 842826

Hall Hire for Community Groups Conference/Training Rooms for Hire

For more information please call Lisa or Maria on 01304 842826

COMMUNITY GRANTS

Community Groups in Aylesham, Elvington, Tilmanstone, Betteshanger, Snowdown and Mill Hill Deal are invited to apply for grants from the Kent Coalfield Community Fund.

This money is available in partnership with The Coalfield Regeneration Trust.
For more information call Lisa on 01304 842826

“Under One Roof”

Built in 1928 **St Peter's Church** is a much loved and well used part of life here in Aylesham, with many generations of local residents recalling both religious and community events that have been and are part of their lives.

Replacing St Peter's church roof is an urgent priority as we need to prevent further leaks and make sure the roof is watertight. We have been successful in obtaining £120,000 in grants so far, and with this have been able to repair part of the roof at the back of the church, but now need help from the community and organisations to raise approximately £200,000 for the remainder of the roof.



Replacing the roof and gutters will make this church building much safer, aesthetically pleasing and therefore more inviting to the community. There are many clubs and organisations that use the church, including Sunbeams toddler group, Cubs/Scouts, Slimming World, Ignite group for families, Spinners SEN group and Youth Group. This is all in addition to the services on Sundays!

We are now seeking support from the amazing community here in Aylesham to keep our church watertight and safe for the generations to come. You may like to sponsor a pack of roof tiles for £20 or buy an individual roof tile at £5. You can scan the QR code below for more info, or pop along to our **Fete on Saturday 14th September 12 – 3pm** to find out more, have some fun or simply sit and have a cuppa with us.

On behalf of all at St Peter's thank you for your ongoing support and enabling our church to be here for the village over the next 100 years.

07535 999482

stpetersaylesham@gmail.com

www.stpeteraylesham.co.uk



Live Music at Bechange Community Hub

13th December - Doors open 7pm

Raising money and the roof for Bechange! Vinyl Covers will be playing lots of familiar tracks to get you up dancing and in the Christmas spirit. £5 per ticket - an 'American Supper' so bring a long a plate of food and your own drink.

All proceeds raised will go back into supporting the local community

For more information and details on how to purchase a ticket visit www.bechange.org.uk



St Peter's Church

Dorman Avenue North CT3 3BL

Late Summer Fête

Saturday 14th September
12.00pm - 3.00pm

Coffee, Teas & Cakes

Bacon Sandwiches

Raffle

Tombola

Games & Side shows

Beat the Goalie

Splat-a-rat

Bowling for a pig

Cornhole

& much, much more



FUN FOR ALL THE FAMILY

What A Crafty Crowd!



BECHANGE'S Summer craft fair and advice cafe was not only a great event to bag a bargain, but there were also lots of opportunity to get tips and ideas to repair, make and mend.

As part of a 'make do and mend' project staff and volunteers were on hand to give assistance and guidance on repairing small electric items, caring for indoor plants, altering, and mending clothes, techniques in knitting and sewing.



Bechange's next craft fair will be held at the hub on the 23rd of November, from 10am to 1pm. Angela, Manager at Bechange said "It was great to host local people who are very talented and had some beautiful items for sale."

TOP: Caz sold bric a brac to raise funds for the Friday craft club held weekly at bechange

MIDDLE: Lisa, member of our sewing club gives mum Teela advice sewing a top for her toddler

BOTTOM: Lesley gets a knitting lesson from Jean



Bechange Christmas Craft Fair

23 November

10am to 1pm

Craft and gift stalls, tombola and refreshments.

For info on booking a table contact Lesley.farbrace@bechange.org.uk

A vision for the future

Over the last few months representatives from Aylesham & Snowdown Social Welfare Scheme (ASSWS) and Dover District Council (DDC) have been working together to bring forward an exciting expansion to the Welfare Leisure Centre.

Due to the housing development in Aylesham, over £850,000 has been allocated for the provision of a new sports hall & facilities within the village. DDC will hold the monies until the project is ready to progress. Additional funds will be raised in order to fund a high-quality scheme in Aylesham.

In recent months, along with a local architect, the group have worked on plans for a new sports hall that will link into the existing leisure centre, but also on plans for reconfiguring the site to best meet the needs of residents.

Recently residents had the opportunity to see potential options and respond in a public consultation.

Some 251 people did this and have given some excellent data for us to work with over the next few months, with the hope for a full planning application to be submitted in early 2025, if not earlier.

The top 3 sports residents would like to see are: tennis; squash; and basketball. We will look at ways to incorporate these where practicable. Also the idea of a nursery provision and soft play were overwhelmingly popular and so a facility that is more than just a sports hall could help to provide for the wider community.

Thank you to all those who have contributed so far, and we hope to be able to share more details shortly.

Jamie Pout



An Adult Education offer in Aylesham?

We would really appreciate your views. Aylesham Community Trust and Bechange Community Hub have partnered with the East Kent College Group to deliver free workshops and training opportunities for adults over the age of 19 right here in Aylesham.

We would like your help to understand what we should offer first.

We have the opportunity to offer anything from hobbies, arts and crafts to digital and also basic and vocational courses and our short survey (see link below) explains more

Please complete our very short survey using the QR code, right, to help guide our decisions on this project.



<https://form.jotform.com/241994203897065>

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Community
Trust**

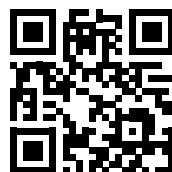


We are keen to encourage new members who can support and help shape the sorts of activities that take place in the old school building and across the site.

Until November fees will be reduced from £5 to just £1

Use this link to sign up for this special invitation, or email:

info@aylesham.org.uk





January
Fredville
Park is full
of beautiful
trees. In
winter you
can clearly
see the
patterns of
the branches

February
can see
snow on
our country
lanes



In **July** the fields are full of poppies



In **August** the harvest is safely gathered in Adisham



March can be very wet as it was this year. Fungus in Goodnestone Park



In **April** Bluebells appear to cheer us all up



Plenty of cowslips to be seen near Ackholt Woods in **May**



June brings Oxeye daisies and pyramidal orchids to Goodnestone Park



Lovely sunsets in **September**. Sunset over the 'dog' field by the new development



The trees are changing colour in **October**

"Photos from my phone ..."

SUE BOTT shares some favourite images from her walks in the countryside around the villages

KENT MINERS PENSION COMPENSATION



We are successfully claiming compensation for KENT COAL MINERS who transferred OUT of the MINEWORKERS PENSION SCHEME.

Many miners were persuaded to transfer OUT of their BRITISH COAL PENSION SCHEME to a private scheme which paid considerably less! This was bad advice and many retired coal miners or their widows have lost out!

Example 1 - £132,000

Mr F. was a coal miner from **DEAL**. In 1987, after **TILMANSTONE** colliery was shut down, he was persuaded by a salesman to transfer his pension to **STANDARD LIFE**. When he retired, he noticed his pension was worth less than his friends who kept their **BRITISH COAL PENSION**. Compensation £132,639.

Example 2 - £95,000

Mr W. was a coal miner from **AYLESHAM**. After **SNOWDOWN** colliery was shut down in 1986, he was advised by an agent from **PEARL ASSURANCE** (now **PHOENIX LIFE**) to transfer his miners pension to them. When he retired, he was getting a much lower pension than his friends who kept their **BRITISH COAL PENSION**. Compensation £95,954.

Example 3 - £142,000

Mr B. was a coal miner from **DEAL**. After the **TILMANSTONE** colliery closed in 1986, he was persuaded by a salesman to transfer his miners pension to **GUARDIAN ROYAL EXCHANGE** (now **REASSURE**). When he retired, he noticed he was getting a lower pension than his friends who kept their **BRITISH COAL PENSION**. Compensation £142,000.

Example 4 - £61,000

Mrs M. is a widow of a coal miner from **AYLESHAM**. After **SNOWDOWN** closed in 1987, her husband was persuaded by a sales agent of **SUN LIFE** to transfer his miners pension to them. When her husband passed, she realised her widow's pension was much lower than the **MINERS WIDOWS PENSION** she would have received. Compensation £61,273.

www.workpensioncompensation.co.uk

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0800 988 7997

or return the form below

Name

Address

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I transferred out of my work pension scheme to

Please can I have a **FREE REVIEW** to see if I am eligible for a payout ☒

Signed

Date

Please address to: **Work Pension Compensation Dept, Corries Solicitors Ltd,
11 Melroses Yard, Walmgate, York, YO1 9XF.**

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4 Day Week Campaign

Collectivism and unions will often cite 'winning' weekends for workers as one of their biggest achievements. But more specifically, the will of workers to break the mould led to different and greatly improved working practices in post-Industrial Britain.

Historically, there were no patterns to work other than those that fitted with daylight hours and the seasons of the year: workers worked from when they woke to when they went to bed.

Clearly things have moved on and for the better. Should we be happy with the status quo? The modern notion of a 4 day week takes the idea of a weekend one step further to look at the working practices of people post-Covid.

Many of us will have enjoyed a long weekend around a bank holiday Monday. The extra day of to do as we please. It seems often like a well needed break. Some would argue that should be the norm, and in Valencia, Spain, they trialed a calendar period of having four consecutive bank-holiday Mondays to create a month of "4 day weeks". A 40 hour week is standard in Spain and so this trial found that locals were less stressed, had better sleep, spent more time socialising, reading and doing physical activity, and there was a reduction in NO2 in the city. A hit with the locals.

The World Economic Forum, at it's 2023 annual meeting in Davos, talked of working "smarter not harder" with the 4 day week on their agenda.



by Dover District Councillor, Jamie Pout writing in a personal capacity



Given that many workers (they predict two fifths of the workforce) work remotely, business are adapting to new methods already. Their research found some surprising benefits to a shortened week: workers were healthier; happier; and more productive. Let's be clear here - a 4 day week means staff get paid a full time salary but work less hours. Inevitably though, as they are happier and healthier they work that extra bit harder and so make up for the "lost day".

The 4 day week campaign, a UK organisation, has been running studies for some time. They recently published results with South Cambridgeshire District Council - before the previous government put a stop to public bodies engaging. The council saved over £300k as staff weren't in every day and vacancies were filled as they've now become an attractive employer. Staff are happier and more efficient - better for residents in their district. According to the Local Government Association, 9 in 10 councils are struggling with recruitment and retention, with agency staff costing council's excessive sums, so why not try something radical?

For many reasons we now have historically high mortgages, rents and bills. When there's an opportunity to change the status quo, do something new, be more efficient, happier and healthier, why wouldn't we take it?

Do you have an idea for a story, or would you like to comment on what you've seen in the magazine? Write to us via email: ayleshamintouch@gmail.com



Look what's been growing in the Garden

DOVER District Council's *Rural Prosperity Fund* and a Kent Coalfields community grant have helped fund a new outdoor Learning Hub that will enable development of learning and community activities in the Bechange Garden.

Bechange manager, Angela, said "We are really grateful to them for supporting this project. The Learning Hub is going to be a wonderful addition to the Garden and the facilities we have here.

"We have also received fantastic support from Amey, whose team prepared and laid a base for the cabin. They worked so hard and did an amazing job.

"And thank you to Waltons, who discounted the cabin as we are a charity. There is still some work to be done to kit the Learning Hub out, and I know that our Shed Project are keen to be involved and will work alongside Stephen and Sandro, our garden team.

We are so lucky to have so many skilled volunteers who are happy to dedicate their time to this fantastic project"

Amey



Charity Quiz Night – Friday 18th October

Doors open at 6.30 quiz starts at 7pm • Tickets £4 per person

Teams of 6 – not got a team? Don't worry we can find you a quizzing table to join.

All funds raised assist Bechange Community Hub to continue to deliver a range of services and activities in Aylesham. BYO drink and nibbles.

United Against Food Insecurity

BECHANGE is passionate about addressing food waste and food insecurity and have initiatives that offer simple solutions to waste less by sharing high-quality surplus food. One of these, a Community Fridge is open to everyone, including local businesses, producers, households, and gardeners, to share their excess food.

Partnering with schemes such as *Neighbourly* and *Fareshare*, Bechange's *Food Engagement Coordinator*, Sally can arrange for this to be picked up, ensuring "still good to eat" food doesn't end up in landfill.

Sally says: "If you're passing by, take a look in the Fridge. You might find something you can save from going to landfill. If you have surplus food - let us know and we help to ensure that it doesn't get thrown away"

Sally has recently been offering *tasting sessions* for people using the Aylesham and Rural Local Pantry. The focus is on using up what you have available in the fridge and throwing less away. For instance, a recent donation of walnuts was used to bake a delicious cake, and an abundance of carrots led to Sally cooking a large pot of carrot and

coriander soup. She also shares the recipes so people can try making them at home.



SALLY engaging with baking

Pantry Project Scores High

The Aylesham and Rural pantry has been operating for 18 months. For a small membership, local people can shop once a week, making savings of £20-£25 per shop. **In the first year of opening 233 households accessed the pantry, with members making savings totalling £41,000.**

Angela, Bechange manager said, "We couldn't

do it without the support of local businesses, organisations and individuals. People have been very generous at the donation points in the village. Thank you, every donation makes a difference"

There are donation points in the village

CO-OP, Market Square, LONDIS, Cornwallis Aylesham Community Trust, and Bechange, both on Ackholt Road

SALLY SHARES TOP TIPS

"Add herbs at the end of cooking to prevent them from burning and to enhance their flavour"

"If your fruit is taking a while to ripen, put in a brown bag with a ripe banana and storing it in a dark place"

"Chop up herbs, add melted butter and pop in the freezer. They can be melted over stake and veggies"

Contact sally.bryan@bechange.org.uk if you would like to know more about our **Community Fridge Project**



Bechange Community Hub

A heartfelt thank you to Bechange Volunteers



BECHANGE has over 30 volunteers, coming from all walks of life, each bringing unique skills and passions to the charity.

Volunteers are involved in many different services at the hub, from working in the pantry, looking after the community garden, helping run groups and clubs and assisting at the community lunch.

Volunteer Coordinator Lesley Farbrace said: "We wanted to

celebrate the huge contributions our volunteers make. They are an important part of enabling us to deliver our mission.

They all play such an important role, giving time, energy and skills to ensure that everything we deliver runs smoothly and effectively."

If you are interested in volunteering at Bechange, please contact Lesley. farbrace@bechange.org.uk



DROP-IN Support & Guidance

If you need support, then please get in contact - there are a number of ways you can do this.

DROP-IN SESSIONS: We have three sessions a week, Monday, Wednesday and Friday morning from 10am to 12pm when you can drop in and talk to one of our support team.

No need to make an appointment. You can talk through your situation with the team and discuss the next steps.

If we are not able to help you with a specific area that is concerning you then we will help you to access assistance from other agencies.

You can also telephone us or call in at our hub to make an appointment to see one of our team.

Please call 01304 840134

AYLESHAM ARTS CLUB

Meets weekly at Bechange on Tuesdays.

No experience necessary, no need to book.

Materials included.

Call 01304 840134

for details

2pm - 4pm

AYLESHAM SHED PROJECT

Every Friday

9.30am - 3pm

Come along and join the Shed Project, where like minded people meet up weekly to work on DIY Projects. FREE.

Bechange Community Hub
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**For more info please call:
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Love knitting, crochet or would love to learn?

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THURSDAYS

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Bechange Community Notice Board

MONDAY Pilates

10am - 11am

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per week

MONDAY Drop In (Benefits, Housing Advice)

FREE
10am - 12pm

TUESDAY One Stop Shop: Domestic Abuse Help Line FREE

10am - 12pm

TUESDAY Arts Club 2pm - 4pm FREE

WEDNESDAY Sewing Club

10am - 12pm

FREE

WEDNESDAY Drop In (Benefits, Housing Advice)

FREE
10am - 12pm

WEDNESDAY Pilates

12.30pm - 1.30pm

£3.00
per week

THURSDAY Knit & Natter

10am - 12pm
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THURSDAY Hoe, Sow & Grow

12.30pm -
1.30pm

FREE

FRIDAY Baby Club

9.30am -
11.30am

FREE

FRIDAY "Just Craftin"

10am - 12pm

FREE

FRIDAY CAMERADOS

10am - 12pm

FREE

FRIDAY Drop In

(Benefit, Housing
Advice)

FREE
10am - 12pm

FRIDAY Shed Project

9.30am - 3pm

FREE

FRIDAY Lite Bites

Community Lunch
12.30pm - 2.00pm

Just pay what you
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This is our usual weekly timetable.
Call ahead if you want to confirm or
for more information

01304 840134



Open: Tuesday 9.30 to 12 and Thursday 12 to 2.30

Your Local Pantry
in the main building at the
Aylesham Community Trust,
Ackholt Road, CT3 3AJ



Working together for Aylesham

Do you know of a catering business or food outlet that may have surplus stock?

Aylesham Pantry always welcomes surplus food that might otherwise go to waste.

Please give us a call and we can see if we can work together:
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We always welcome business sponsorship for this great community project

We are a new project and would like to grow. Business sponsorship helps us plan ahead.

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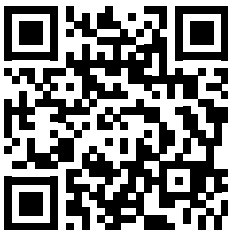
NEW MEMBERS WELCOME

Call in to Bechange Community Hub at the Ackholt Road site and we can explain the application process. Or join online by scanning this QR code



Give Today. Help Tomorrow.
Donate exactly what is needed.

Scan the QR code to reach the Bechange item donation shop! Here you can browse and purchase the items that they need this month. The team at Give Today then make sure your donation is delivered directly to the Pantry.



You can donate Pantry items straight to the shop or leave in the donation spots at:

Behange, Aylesham Community Trust, Londis in Cornwallis, Co-Op Market Square



JOIN the Pantry Volunteer Team!



There are various volunteer roles available. Some in the shop and others behind the scenes!

Call in to Bechange Community Hub at the Ackholt Road site and we can explain the application process.

Historic films set for village premiere

TWO documentary films shot in the Kent Coalfield are to be screened in the village.

The first, filmed by an East German TV crew was made during the 1974 strike and features english subtitles for the first time.

The second is a collection of unedited film from the 1984-85 strike shot in the Kent coalfield.

Both films reveal a fascinating look back at important events in local history and feature some well-known local characters.

Aylesham People's Cinema will be presenting the films at Aylesham Community Trust, Ackholt Road, Aylesham on Wednesday 18 September between 11am - 2pm.

In the Garden of England : A People Apart

Dear friends

We are raising funds to complete a documentary film about your unique community of Aylesham - the Kent village built on coal mining and those who came from across the country to build the industry.

We've already filmed many important interviews and acquired relevant footage but need funds to complete the film. The money will go towards further filming, editing, music composition, travel and archive rights.

When the film is finished it will be shown in independent cinemas and community halls across Britain and then made freely available on YouTube.

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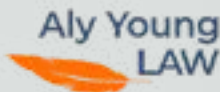
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■ YOUR DOVER DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

Aylesham and Snowdown form part of Dover District Council's ward of Aylesham, Eythorne and Shepherdswell, represented by three councillors. They are: Maria Mamjan; Jamie Pout; Charles Woodgate.

CHURCHES

■ AYLESHAM BAPTIST CHURCH

Dorman Avenue South CT3 3AA

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We are the Parish church of St Peter's Aylesham in the Church of England. Our hall is available for private hire. Phone: 07535 999482.

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Dorman Avenue North CT3 3BL

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Market Place, Aylesham CT3 3EZ

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HEALTH SERVICES

■ AYLESHAM MEDICAL PRACTICE

Aylesham Health Centre, Queens Rd, Aylesham,
Canterbury CT3 3BB

Phone: 01304 840415

■ AYLESHAM HEALTH CENTRE

Queens Rd, Aylesham, Canterbury CT3 3BB

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COMMUNITY GROUPS

■ BECHANGE COMMUNITY HUB

At Bechange Community Hub we pride ourselves on our friendly approach and expertise in a wide range of support needs; from Benefits such as universal credit, PIP, DLA and Attendance Allowance, to Housing, Family Matters, Finances and Employment.

Our Support Team can work with you every step of the way, no matter how long or short your support journey. Not sure if your needs fit our support criteria? Get in touch to find out.

We offer Drop-In sessions Monday, Wednesday and Friday 10am-12pm. Or you can contact us by telephoning 01304 840134 with an enquiry, to make an enquiry or referral.

Tel: 01304 840134 enquiries@bechange.org.uk

■ FOODBANK

If making ends meet is hard for you at the moment, you may be able to get food and household goods from the Foodbank. Please contact Bechange on 01304 840134 or call in at one of their drop-in sessions if you need help.

**FREE MEETING SPACE FOR
COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS
in the 'Community HQ' at the
Aylesham Community Trust,
Ackholt Road, Aylesham.**

Conditions apply

Call for details: 01304 824826

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■ AYLESHAM HUB

Community Co-Operative
ayleshamhub@gmail.com

■ AYLESHAM COMMUNITY TRUST

Ackholt Road, Aylesham CT3 3AJ
Tel: 01304 842826

■ AYLESHAM MAJORETTES

We are the local Majorette and take part in carnivals, fetes and do displays of what to show off our talent
Email: ayleshammajorettes@hotmail.com
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■ AYLESHAM WELFARE LEISURE CENTRE

Spinney Ln, Aylesham, Canterbury CT3 3BE:
Phone: 01304 840661

■ INVICTA COMMUNITY & LEISURE

Aylesham Welfare Leisure Centre, Spinney Lane,
Aylesham, CT3 3BE
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Email c.rowe@westfavershamca.org

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COMMERCIAL

■ AYLESHAM BUSINESS NETWORK

Local businesses supporting each other and the community in Aylesham District. Please contact our chair, Sara Sheppard, on 07951 736021 for more information.

www.ayleshambusinessnetwork.co.uk or follow us on
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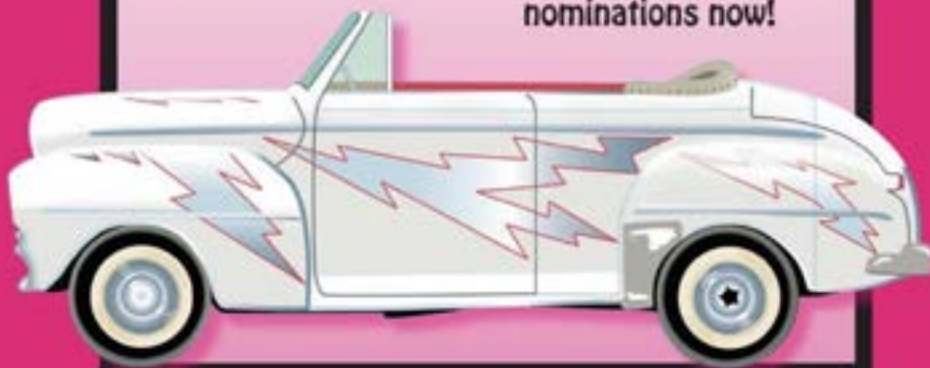
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Fixture List 2024

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2024 Fixture List

Date	Opponent	Location	
14th Sep 2024	Weaving	AWAY	ME15 7RN
21st Sep 2024	Medway	HOME	CT3 3BE
28th Sep 2024	Tunbridge Wells	AWAY	TN2 5LS
5th Oct 2024	Thanet Wanderers	HOME	CT3 3BE
12th Oct 2024	Aylesford	HOME	CT3 3BE
19th Oct 2024	Ash	AWAY	CT3 2BG
26th Oct 2024	Folkestone	HOME	CT3 3BE
2nd Nov 2024	New Ash Green (Kent Vase)	HOME	CT3 3BE
9th Nov 2024	Edenbridge	AWAY	TN8 5HL
16th Nov 2024	Dover	HOME	CT3 3BE
23rd Nov 2024	Cranbrook	HOME	CT3 3BE
30th Nov 2024	Possible Kent Vase Fixture TBC		
7th Dec 2024	Possible Kent Vase Fixture TBC		
14th Dec 2024	Weaving	HOME	CT3 3BE
21st Dec 2024	Medway	AWAY	ME1 3AD
26th Dec 2024	Married v Singles	HOME	CT3 3BE

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football team
(yrs 8/9)**



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Cllr Charles Woodgate

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Further details about their individual council responsibilities can be viewed on the Dover District Council website
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Ackholt Road, Aylesham, CT3 3AJ



Help shape the future of Land to the South of Aylesham

Join us for a public engagement event



Axis Land Partnerships invites you to a community event where you can contribute to the vision for Land to the South of Aylesham.

Saturday, 14th September 2024

11:00 AM - 4:00 PM

@

Aylesham Welfare Leisure Centre,

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Site Identification Plan (source: Dover District Council Draft Local Plan)



WHAT'S IN STORE?

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We value your feedback and look forward to seeing you there!

CHILDREN'S DESIGN COMPETITION

We are inviting children aged 5-12 to participate in a competition to design a 'dream' fantasy playground. The winning design will be featured at our next event and earn a voucher prize.

CONTACT US

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