

village **NEWS**

March 2026



PREPARING FOR

AYLESHAM

2027

CENTENARY



Health & Wellbeing project



Perfect place for Sunday Lunch



Village art room now open

Aylesham Heritage Centre



Aylesham Heritage Centre has been set up, to store and archive all of our history. Lots of photos, memorabilia and memories will be lost unless we archive them. We are at the Aylesham House, the Parish Council building on Dorman Avenue South.

Wednesdays: 10am - 2pm at Heritage Centre, Aylesham Parish Council Office, Dorman Avenue North.

WE ARE NOW OPEN 3RD SATURDAY OF THE MONTH



Support us in the Dover Lotto
Scan the QR code for details

Aylesham Parish Council meets

Second Tuesday of the month for the Full Council Meeting

These meetings are open to the public
7pm at The Pearson Room, Aylesham Community Trust Ackholt Road, CT3 3AJ

This is not an official Parish Council notice



20th Deal (Aylesham) Cornwallis Event

Saturday 14 March
12pm - 3pm

Come & See
Market Square
Aylesham



Kent Libraries

Veranda Building at AYLESHAM COMMUNITY TRUST, Ackholt Road CT3 3AJ

Opening times:

Tuesday 9.30 - 12.30 & 1.30 - 5pm
Thursday 9.30 - 12.30 & 1.30 - 5pm
Friday 9.30 - 12.30 & 1.00 - 4pm
Saturday 9.30 - 1.30pm
Closed: Sun, Mon & Wed
Website: <http://www.kent.gov.uk/libs>



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Please call for an appointment on



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Dover District Council

Money Guidance Drop-Ins

with Wave Community Bank

Aylesham Pantry

Aylesham Community Trust
Ackholt Road, Aylesham, CT3 3AJ

Tuesday 3 February
9.30am - 12pm

Thursday 5 February
12pm - 1.30pm

Tuesday 3 March
9.30am - 12pm



LOVE IS BACK

Saturday 28th March
Central London

Add your name:
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TOGETHER

MARCH FOR LOVE. FOR UNITY. FOR HOPE. TOGETHER

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GETTING READY FOR THE CENTENARY



The village's hundredth birthday is an event worth celebrating. Almost a century ago, in 1927, it is reported that the first families moved into the new mining village that was to be the heart of the Kent coalfield.

Fifty years ago, the *Festival Of Aylesham* programme stated: "Over the last fifty years the progress of Aylesham as a new town, has been sadly restricted by local government not following the original concept of a garden city and the village has grown slowly but its character as that of a mining village remains unchanged."

"Because of the sustained efforts of the Parish Council an industrial estate has been established. This must be expanded to provide varying job opportunities to cater for a more fully integrated urban community."

Since these wise words were penned, the village has been through massive change, not envisaged by the village back in 1977. The closure of the coalfield, then secondary school, the village expansion that began a decade ago and the change to how we all live our lives have changed the village. However the community retains a unique sense of its past and an old



Whit Sunday Parade, King's Road, Aylesham

fashioned community spirit.

The Parish Council is considering a fund for village groups to apply to for funding to celebrate the Centenary.

A group has come together to help link the events. It calls itself the Centenary Forum, and a year long calendar of events is being put together.

The Forum meetings are open to all, and those involved with village groups are especially welcome.

To contact the group email:
aylesham100@gmail.com

Your new format monthly village newsletter.

Produced and distributed by volunteers, we aim to bring the good news about our village and promote the events and groups that bring the community together.

We decided to move from a quarterly magazine to a monthly newsletter because there were so many things we missed in just four editions a year.

We will deliver to you, on request, and be available at venues and shops around the village.

Please use us to promote your group, charity, or enterprise. **We would love to hear from you.**

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Please note: we no longer have any connection with East Kent Media Group.

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AYLESHAM village NEWS



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or drop a note to
AIT c/o Aylesham
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Ackholt Road Aylesham
CT3 3AJ

Do you have an event to promote in our April edition?

Deadline is 13 March. Email: ayleshamintouch@gmail.com

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

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HEARTS, MINDS and VOICES

A concert in support of the

SATURDAY 4 APRIL 2026
DOORS OPEN 5:15 P.M. FOR 6:30 P.M. CONCERT START
MAISON DIEU, BIGGIN STREET, DOVER, CT16 1DL
Adult Tickets £10.00, Children Free
Available via TicketSource or by calling AL POLDEN - 07757 714143
cathandal@me.com
Souvenir programme available: on the night
Refreshments and raffle tickets during the interval

Scan for tickets

AYLESHAM BOXING TEAM PRESENTS

BOXING SHOW

MARCH

SATURDAY 7TH 2026

WEIGH INS 10:00 TO 11:30
GENERAL ADMISSIONS 11:30
FIRST BOUT STARTS 12:30

ADMISSION ADULTS £20 • CHILDREN (U16)/OAPS £10 ON THE DOOR

COMMUNITY PROJECT, AKHOLT ROAD, AYLESHAM, CT3 3AJ

FOR MORE INFO CONTACT PAUL 'GEEZER' GILES 07857 307 313

The HeArt of Aylesham Project

Health, Creativity & Connection

20 Free Workshops | Feb-Nov 2026 | Aylesham

Relaxed, friendly group

All Adults from Aylesham and surrounding villages Welcome

No art experience needed

Help with bus travel costs available

Drop in Arts, Health and Wellbeing Coffee Mornings at Aylesham Community Trust, 10 am -12 noon, on selected Tuesday Mornings. For more information, dates and to sign up, scan the QR code below or email Catherinesexpression.co.uk

Supported by Dover Health Alliance as part of a heart-health prevention programme

Thursday Evenings:

Come & Paint! at ART SPACE

For new starters, re-starters or the more experienced.

Maybe you just want to give it a go?
No lessons just help and advice.

Thursday drop-in between 5pm - 8pm.
All materials provided – just £5
No booking needed

ART SPACE at Aylesham Community Trust
Ackholt Road, Aylesham

Interested in Drama and Performance?

Do you remember

THE AYLESHAM PLAY: "Over & Under the Earth"

Were you in the 1996 production of the Aylesham play? Maybe a family member or friend was part of it?

Get in touch:

ayleshamartsclub@gmail.com

ART SPACE at Aylesham Community Trust
Ackholt Road, CT3 3AJ

'In My Humble Opinion'



by Ed
Cordero

Jump On The 89

“Aylesham is a lovely place to live: cheerful, lively and welcoming. We are well served by transport links by car, train and bus.

On the 89 bus – this is a regular service which goes around the village (oddly one way - for those used to a bi-directional bus service). It takes passengers from Aylesham - starting at Dorman South (“The Dog” - named after the famed pub that once stood across the road), via the industrial estates on Cooting Road. It takes a lovely spin around the village for about 10 minutes before snaking its way back to Cooting Road and out towards Canterbury via the A2.

It's a speedy ride into town lasting not more than 15 minutes before arriving at the Old Gate Inn at the top of New Dover Road - this stretch can be zippy or a nose to tail ride depending on the time of day.

Once at the Bus Station, D2 is the official stop for the Aylesham 89, but this can vary sometimes so keep an eye/ear out.

The services run hourly from Canterbury, and remember, the time on the timetable is the departure time - get there beforehand! Just like the trains.

Speaking of the rail service to Canterbury East: it couldn't be much easier, just two stops and alight for Canterbury. Accessibility is an issue, however, as footbridges are used at all the country stations. Once in the City, there's a little walk across the Roman wall or the choice to walk through Dane John gardens - no more than 10 minutes to walk into town.

The new 92 bus service from Aylesham to Dover (Whitfield Tesco) opened last year and is proving popular with users. It departs from Dolman South and after a whizz around market square it stops at the health centre stop on Queens Road. It also stops at Miners Way before continuing straight down along Aylesham Road towards Snowdown. I couldn't tell which roads or what villages this little bus goes through, but it's an eventful drive with some beautiful country scenery to enjoy.

This service runs hourly with a slight break around 2pm, so check your return journey before waiting at the Tesco stop looking a bit like a lemon!

The 89 bus service leaves a lot to be desired, not having a service to arrive in Canterbury for normal working hours is a pain, either way too early where nothing is open, or half an hour late. Again, coming home after work can be a pain - waiting for the last bus home at 7pm is always a gamble.

And poor you if you fancy a bit of a night out in town, it's either the train or a taxi!”

Do you have any thoughts about public transport in our area? Let us know: ayleshamintouch@gmail.com

Shine a light on
Aylesham

Join us for unveiling of 3D sculpture lanterns and a new folk film celebrating Aylesham's mining history and local creativity.

Enjoy free glow-in-the-dark workshops, meet local community groups, and find out more about Aylesham Community Trust.

Artworks created by students from EKC Aylesham and artist Sam Giles with support from Artsworld and Aylesham Community Trust.

Friday 13th
4pm - 7pm
Free activities

EKC East Kent Colleges Group artswork Coalfields Regeneration Trust AYLESHAM COMMUNITY TRUST



Sittings - 12:30pm & 2:30pm

SUNDAY LUNCH

CARVERY MENU

Join us on Sundays for a mouth-watering carvery, where traditional flavours meet a warm & inviting atmosphere. Our expert chefs use great quality produce, supporting local suppliers, succulent roast meats carved to order, paired with crispy roast potatoes, buttery vegetables, and all the classic trimmings.

MEAT CARVERY-£15

Choice of any or all 3 meats of the carvery & your choice of unlimited crispy roast potatoes, buttered vegetables and all the classic trimmings.

Roast Topside of Beef
Smoked Honey & Mustard Glazed Gammon
Turkey Crown Wrapped in Streaky Bacon

Make your carvery a Headmaster's XL plate includes 2 pigs in blankets + £5.00

VEGETARIAN CARVERY

Your choice of unlimited crispy roast potatoes, buttered vegetables, and all the classic trimmings.

vegetarian special of the week Vegan Available - £15
Just the Veggies - £12

The Little Carvers Carvery & Ice Cream - £9.50

Choice of 1 meat & your choice of crispy roast potatoes, buttered vegetables and all the classic trimmings.
Includes a scoop of Ice Cream or sorbet of your choice

Meats may vary due to availability. Special meats and variations may be available on select Sundays. *only one portion of meat per order*

ADD ANY DESSERT TO YOUR CARVERY FOR ONLY - £5

SUNDAY LUNCH

DESSERTS MENU

Sticky Toffee Pudding V
Handmade in house sticky toffee pudding, toffee sauce & your choice of cream, custard or ice cream

Rhubarb & Ginger dessert VE GF
Vegan and gluten free rhubarb & ginger dessert topped with mixed berry compote served with raspberry sorbet

Spotted dick
Traditional spotted dick Handmade in house topped with your choice of custard, cream or ice cream

Coal Miner's Fruit Crumble V
Seasonal fruit of the day topped with oat crumble served with your choice of custard, cream or ice cream

Lemon posset V GFA
A smooth, creamy lemon posset served with handmade buttery shortbread.

ICE CREAM & SORBETS

Three Scoops of Ice Cream or Sorbet -

Ice cream: Strawberry / Chocolate / Vanilla GF
Sorbet: Blackcurrant / Raspberry / Mango VE GF

Why not add your choice of sauce: salted caramel, chocolate, white chocolate or raspberry

VE Vegan | VEG vegan available | V Vegetarian | GF Gluten free available | GF Gluten free | VG Vegetarian available
Please inform our staff of any food allergies or dietary requirements before ordering. While we take care to minimise cross-contamination, our kitchen handles certain allergens and we cannot guarantee that any food is completely allergen free.

Not all carveries are built the same

Elliott and the team are creating a feel-good Sunday Lunch community with a growing band of regulars enjoying the care and company and Christmas dinner vibes that go into the food and atmosphere every week.

This is a bumper home-cooked roast by a passionate and talented chef for a snip of the price of restaurants not able to match the quality, which begins with as much locally-sourced ingredients as possible. Two courses for £20 per person with a 'Little Carvers' menu too.

Two sittings at 12.30pm and 2.30pm to work around your Sunday activities. And no washing up!

Take your gang out for lunch and then tell your friends.

Please support the Sunday Carvery knowing the proceeds will be pumped into supporting projects in the community. Full belly and full heart.

(Top recommendation - the sticky toffee pudding will knock your socks off).

Book in now (don't forget Mother's Day is coming up with some special events to treat that special person...).

Visit aylesham.org.uk, or visit the Coffee Shop during opening hours.

THE OLD SCHOOL Coffee Shop & KITCHEN

Mother's Day Carvery

Sunday 15th March

Mum gets a complimentary Prosecco or gift from us

2 Course £24.95 | 3 Course £28.95

STARTER

- Sweet potato, chilli & coconut soup served with warm bread & butter
- Garlic & Thyme Baked Camembert served with pickles, chutney and toast
- Ham hock terrine served with chutney and toasted bread

OUR SUNDAY CARVERY

Choose from 3 roast meats and unlimited roast potatoes, cauliflower cheese, vegetables & all the trimmings
Vegetarian and vegan options available on request

DESSERT

- Eton Mess berry's, whipped cream & crumbled meringue
- Sticky Toffee Pudding with your choice of custard, cream or ice cream
- Warm Chocolate Biscuits with your choice of cream or ice cream

Apple Rhubarb & Ginger Crumble served with your choice of custard, cream

Vegan and gluten free options available upon request

Opening Hours: Monday: Closed
Tuesday – Friday: 9am – 2.30pm A full Brunch menu is available
Sunday: 12pm-2.30pm for Sunday Carvery -booking recommended



ABOVE: Chef Elliot serves up a storm at the Sunday Carvery
BELOW: Classic English roast, with all the trimmings



A warm welcome to Jo Godden, who has started at the Aylesham Community Trust as the new Community Connector.

The role is to support groups to access Coalfield Regeneration Trust funding for projects that boost health and wellbeing for people living in Aylesham, Betteshanger, Chislet, Elvington, Hersden, Mill Hill, and Snowdown.

Jo's Aylesham roots run deep. Her grandad Charlie Robertson walked from Northumberland in 1927 for a job at Snowdown colliery, a journey that took him and his friends six weeks.

His wife Amy followed a few years later and they had three children - Doreen, Tom and Barry, Jo's Dad, a talented footballer who played for Snowdown.

The family settled at 3 Dorman Avenue South and Charlie and Amy lived there for more than 60 years.

Jo is a local newspaper reporter by trade and has also done communications for the police, the NHS and the county council as well as holding fundraising and events roles with the RNLI and Hearing Dogs for Deaf People.

She is having a drop-in on Wednesday 4 March in the Old School Coffee Shop between 12.30pm and 2.30pm. Stop by for a chat and bring your ideas.

You can also email jo@aylesham.org.uk Jo currently works Monday-Wednesday.



March Update

Ackholt Road, CT3 3A 01304 840134

Wellbeing at the heart of Bechange

Following Bechange's successful bid to the National Lottery Aylesham Together funding, we are delighted to introduce **Sara Nash**, our newly appointed Wellbeing Coordinator.

This funding marks an exciting new chapter for Bechange. With Sara joining the team, we are now able to expand our wellbeing offer, creating a wider range of inclusive, accessible activities designed to support the health and happiness of the Aylesham community. Her role will focus on developing programmes that bring people together, reduce isolation, and encourage positive lifestyle changes.

The investment also opens the door for Bechange to grow its volunteer team, offering more opportunities for local residents to get involved, learn new skills,

and play an active part in shaping community life.

Sara brings a passion for community wellbeing and a commitment to empowering people of all ages. Over the coming months, she will be working closely with residents, partners, and volunteers to co-create activities that reflect the needs and aspirations of the village.

This is a significant step forward for Bechange, and we look forward to seeing the positive impact this expanded wellbeing programme will bring to Aylesham.



Sara

"I'm Sara, and I'm delighted to have joined the Bechange team as the new Wellbeing Support Worker. Having grown up in Aylesham, it feels

wonderful to now work in a role that allows me to give back to the community I love.

"I have spent most of my life supporting others, from working with vulnerable children to running my own holistic therapy business. With over 25 years as a trauma-informed practitioner, I am particularly interested in how the nervous system affects our wellbeing. I believe that true wellbeing starts with restoring balance and peace to both mind and body.

"In my work, I take a collaborative approach; learning from the people I support as much as they learn from me, and I value a non-hierarchical way of working. At Bechange, my role is to provide holistic, person-centred support that nurtures emotional, mental, physical, and social wellbeing. This includes one-to-one support, group activities, peer connections, and community leadership, all aimed at reducing isolation and improving quality of life.

"I'm excited to meet more people from our community, share new experiences, and help everyone I work with feel

Bechange Community Hub

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are looking for friendly, community-minded people to join us as Wellbeing Volunteers.

VOLUNTEER HIGHLIGHTS

Wellbeing Activities
You'll help with exciting and innovative community-led and peer supported activities.

Full Training Provided
No experience is needed - just kindness, reliability, and a willingness to learn.

Support Sessions
You'll work alongside our Wellbeing Support Worker, and our other volunteers, to help people to feel more connected and confident.

Apply now!
Interested? Training starts in March. Apply by Tuesday 24th February 2026, for the Spring training.

Contact Us
01304 840134

More information
Email us at: enquiries@bechange.org.uk



BECHANGE SPRING CRAFT FAIR

Saturday 21st March 26

10.00am - 1.00pm
Free Entry

Handmade Crafts
Easter Goodies
Gift Stalls
Refreshments

Celebrate Spring The Handmade Way

FOR INFO ON BOOKING A TABLE CONTACT
ENQUIRIES@BECHANGE.ORG.UK



Bechange Community Hub regular weekly timetable: Ackholt Road, Aylesham CT3 3AJ

MONDAY

Pilates 10.00am – 11.00am
Price £6.00 per week

Drop-in (Benefit, Housing advice)
10.00am – 12.00pm Free

Podiatry services
Call Kate on 07708 189033 to book

TUESDAY

Camerados Public Living Room
09.30am – 12.00pm

Foodbank
(call 01304 840134 for a voucher)
09.30am – 10.30am

Breakfast funded by DDC
10.00am – 12.00pm Free

Pop Up Shop
10.00am – 3.00pm

Your Local Pantry
09.30am – 11.30am

One Stop Shop
(Domestic Abuse helpline)
10.00am – 12.00pm Free

Aylesham Arts Club
1.00pm – 4.00pm Free

Memory Cafe
(4th Tuesday of the month)
Tue 24 March
1.30pm – 3.30pm

WEDNESDAY

Drop-in (Benefit, Housing advice)
10.00am – 12.00pm Free

Camerados Public Living Room
09.30am – 12.00pm

Pop Up Shop
10.00am – 3.00pm

Breakfast funded by DDC
10.00am – 12.00pm Free

Sewing Group
10.00am – 12.00pm
Price 50p

Pilates 12.30pm – 1.30pm
Price £6 per week

GSL Massage
Call gemma on 07720 391551 to book

THURSDAY

Camerados Public Living Room
10.00am – 12.00pm

Breakfast funded by DDC
10.00am – 12.00pm Free

Pop Up Shop
10.00am – 3.00pm

Your Local Pantry
12.00pm – 2.30pm

Knit & Natter
10.00am – 12.00pm Price 50p

Hoe, Sow & Grow
(Gardening group)
12.30pm – 3.30pm Free

FRIDAY

FOODBANK
(Call 01304 840134 for voucher)
Free
09.30am -10.30am

Camerados Public Living Room
10.00am – 12.00pm

Drop-in (Benefit, Housing advice)
10.00am – 12.00pm

Pop Up Shop (Tuesday through to Friday)
10.00am – 3.00pm

Breakfast funded by DDC
10.00am – 12.00pm Free

"Just Craftin"
10.00am – 12.00pm – Price 50p

Shed Project
09.30am – 12.30pm Free

Community Lunch
12.30pm – 2.00pm
£2.50 minimum donation

This is our usual weekly timetable.

Call ahead if you want to confirm or for more information 01304 840134

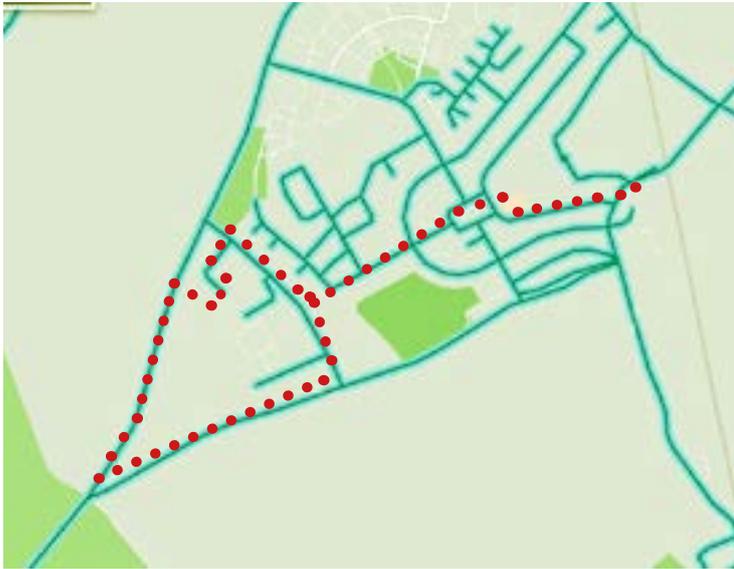
MEMORY CAFE
Tue 24th March
1.30pm – 3.30pm
at Bechange,
Ackholt Rd. Aylesham
(4th Tuesday of the month)

Aylesham Arts Club
meets every Tuesday
Pop in any time between 1pm and 4pm at
BECHANGE Community Hub, Ackholt Road.
Free session, but donation welcome.
For further info, email:
ayleshamartsclub@gmail.com
or visit: **ayleshamartsclub.co.uk**
Text only: **07789 961744 (no calls)**

Tackling Violence against Women and Girls (VAWG)
Women's Safety Events
The Dover District Community Safety Partnership is committed to eradicating all forms of violence against women and girls. We want every woman and girl who lives, works, socialises, or attends school in our communities to feel safe.
FREE Self Defence Sessions in partnership with AMK Kraw Maepa – self-defence experts – and Rock Solid – health and wellbeing transformation practitioners – are being offered in your area.
Take this opportunity to build confidence, learn practical skills, and feel empowered. Join us!
Please see below dates to book your space:
Tuesday 19th February 2026 10-1pm
Bechange, Ackholt Road, Aylesham, CT3 3AJ
Tuesday 24 March 2026 6-8pm
Bechange, Ackholt Road, Aylesham, CT3 3AJ
This will be an active event please dress comfortably.
These sessions are **FREE**. Please follow the QR to book yourself onto a session.
ROCK SOLID
We look forward to seeing you there.

Relax-Recharge-Restore
Come along to a FREE session and learn relaxation techniques
* Reduce Stress
* Boost Focus & Energy
* Support the Nervous System
Monday 20th April 26
12.30pm - 1.00pm
Bechange, Ackholt Road, Aylesham, CT3 3AJ
Ring 01304 840134 to book a space
Stay for a relaxing cuppa afterwards

Spinney Woods walk



AYLESHAM ON FOOT ROUTE 2

- Start at Bechange on Ackholt Road
- Down Queens Road, past the Health Centre and around Market Place, left at Boulevard Courriers.
- Find your way into the woods and you will find paths around and through the site.
- In spring, look out for primroses as the woods start to come alive

Managed by White Cliffs Countryside Partnership on behalf of Aylesham Parish Council



Sunday Morning Services:

9.00am Holy Communion

10:30am Sunday Service with Sunday Club
 Evening Service 6pm—1st Sunday of the month
 Wild Church 4pm—3rd Sunday of the month
 Morning Communion—once a month Thursdays

Our regular events

Friday Tea



Friday Tea
2pm-4pm Once a Month

Saturday Breakfast



Saturday Breakfast
9am-11am every other Saturday

Monthly Bingo, Quizzes, Beetle Drives on Saturday evenings

Term time groups



Toddler Group
9am-11am Mon
& Wed Tues
Baby Group



Coffee Stop
Thursday
9-11am



Youth Club
Wed 6 - 7pm
Year 6 and above



Thursdays
12 - 1.30pm for adults with lunch
3.15 - 4.30pm after school for kids

www.stpetersaylesham.co.uk

Saint Finbarr's Roman Catholic Church

Market Place, Aylesham CT3 3EZ
Phone: 01304 206766

MASS TIMES:
SUNDAY 11am
WEDNESDAY 10am



Parish priest:

Fr Leo

AYLESHAM VILLAGE NEWS welcomes notices from all faith groups in the village.

Please contact us at ayleshamintouch@gmail.com

Renew Wellbeing
Mondays 10am - 11pm

Things we do

- Crafts
- Board games
- Chair exercises
- Drawing
- Drink lots of tea & coffee

AYLESHAM BAPTIST

IN THE SPOTLIGHT



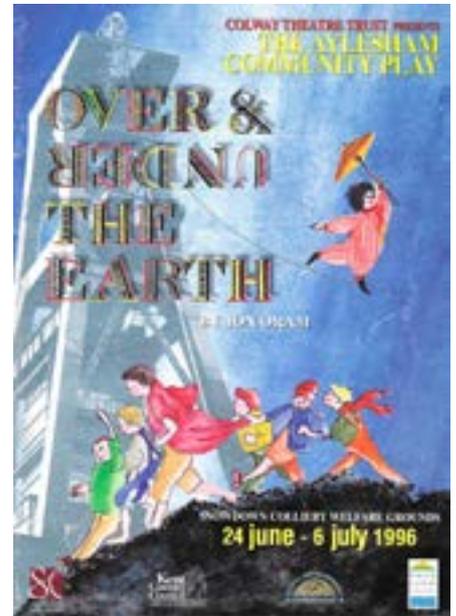
IN 1996 a grand project came to fruition: a community play to mark the 70th anniversary of the first people to move into the new Kent village of Aylesham.

The play took two years to produce, and Jon Oram, a top community theatre producer engaged with the village to write, create and stage *Over & Under The Earth - The Aylesham Community Play*.

The production was staged at the Miners' Welfare ground between 24 June and 6 July, nearly 30 years ago. It was performed in the Kent Tent – a huge blue tarpaulin structure erected for the specially for the event.

Were you part of this production? Do you remember going to see the play? Would you like to have a re-union of the people that took part? **Or maybe you would like to be part of some sort of production to mark the Centenary?**

Please get in touch with the Arts Club at: ayleshamartsclub@gmail.com, or drop a note into Arts Space, Aylesham Community Trust, Ackholt Road, Aylesham CT3 3AJ



ON STAGE: 1996 programme



ART SPACE

Downstairs at: Aylesham Community Trust

MARCH LAUNCH ART TIMETABLE

**MONDAY
AFTERNOON**
ART TASTER
SESSION
1pm - 3pm

**MONDAY
EVENING**
SKETCHING AND
DRAWING
All levels
6-9pm
Please book in advance

**TUESDAY
AFTERNOON**
AT BECHANGE SOCIAL
DROP IN SESSION
1pm-4pm

**WEDNESDAY
AFTERNOON**
COMMUNITY PROJECTS
4pm-7pm

**THURSDAY
MORNING**
ART TASTER
SESSION
10am-12pm

**THURSDAY
AFTERNOON**
LEARN TOGETHER
HAND PRINTING
TECHNIQUES
1pm-4pm

**THURSDAY
EVENING**
WATERCOLOUR
6pm-9pm

**FRIDAY
AFTERNOON**
ART IN THE
AFTERNOON
2pm-4pm

Our sessions are relaxed and free-flowing - there is no pressure to produce a master piece, just have a go and enjoy yourself!

Some sessions, - Watercolour Course, for example, follow a theme over a number of weeks and will develop understanding about the technique.

Art Director Ed Cordero said: "Art is a huge area and very subjective, I don't push my own views or pressure my style of drawing onto anyone, rather, I like to give an example or show 'hands on' a technique to each individual person which they may find helpful."

Up to date information will always be on our website: artsclubkent.co.uk and we will post on facebook too.

Some sessions are free of charge - others are reasonably priced; both free and charged for sessions include materials, or you are welcome to bring your own.

If you'd like to join the Arts Club (from £10 per month) and use all the membership benefits, just let us know.

For updates and further information, visit our new website www.artspacekent.co.uk



Use the QR code
or visit artspacekent.co.uk

Were you part of the Aylesham play – 'Over & Under the Ground' back in 1996? [See over>](#)



ART SPACE

Art & Creative Community Venue

Unique art room for creative work to be made and displayed.

This month marks the launch of a new, dedicated creative space in Aylesham. Art Space is a local project from Aylesham Arts Club, which was established during the covid lockdown in 2020.



Ed Cordero, from Aylesham Arts Club said “When we started we were all at our own homes joining on Zoom. We then began a Social Painting session every Tuesday afternoon (which we will continue to offer). We are now launching the Art Space project – a place where people can learn, create and connect in a dedicated creative space.

“All these activities will be in the Art Space room in the main building at the former secondary school on Ackholt Road. We are just down the corridor from the ever popular Old School Cafe.

The Arts Club would like to thank Aylesham Community Trust, Bechange, Aylesham Parish Council and the Coalfields Regeneration Trust for funding and support.

**Downstairs at:
Aylesham
Community
Trust,
Ackholt Rd,
Aylesham
CT3 3AJ**

“This is an exciting development. We have worked with the Aylesham Community Trust to find a welcoming space in their building that can be used for creative projects.

**Art Space, main building,
Aylesham Community Trust,
Ackholt Road CT3 3AJ**

“We will be offering all kinds of creative activities, from traditional art to film, performance, digital and community art projects.

“Art Space has a programme of learning sessions for beginners, re-starters and people who already enjoy creating art.

“We offer day-rate classes and affordable monthly membership. Courses will include watercolour painting, sketching and drawing, hand printing techniques, and many others.



ARTS CLUB AFTERNOON • Every Tuesday from 1pm - 4pm at Bechange Community Hub • Ackholt Rd, Aylesham. Free session.

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