

April 2013



Aveley Update

All About Aveley

Everything we do at the Centre is for the residents of Aveley. Over the years villagers have come to Forum meetings and brought forward their ideas about how to make village life better and give our children and young people the best start in life we can. In 2004 this resulted in the plan for a new purpose built community centre. There were many reasons why this did not happen at that time but we did not give up. We became a charity and got funding to set up our own centre and we asked you what you think we needed to provide in the new centre.

Since then we opened the Aveley Youth & Community Centre. Little did we know how busy it would become. We are now open 7 days a week. We run the Centre from Monday to Saturday and a church uses it on Sunday.

However, although we are really busy and well used, are we putting on the right programmes, events and services? So we asked you again. It seems that most people think the Centre is helping bring changes to the Village with over 98% saying so. You also told us that the most important work we are doing is with our young people.



We asked you what we could do better. More work with those who are not in work of all ages came out on top. More training and support was needed. Next was to bring more services into the Centre so people could get to them easily. We listened to this and are working to bring this about. We are already expanding our work with those

between 16 and 25 who do not go to college or do not have a job. We now have a Council Housing Surgery every week and a Police Drop-in here each month. You also told us the Centre was still needed and valued so we are currently bidding to the Lottery for another grant to keep us going for the next three years.

Everything we do is all about Aveley and we are going to keep on doing it as long as we can.



St George's Day

On Sunday April 21st from 11am to 3pm Aveley will be celebrating St Georges Day. We will be taking over the High Street for a day of Festive Fun and Games. While there won't be dragons, there will be giants. With Jugglers and Circus Classes, Potter's Wheel and lots more, there will be fun for everyone no matter how young or old. So why not come along and join in the fun!





**FOR YOUNG PEOPLE AGED 16 OR OVER
MONDAYS 1-3PM**

**BORED?.....COME AND CHILL WITH US
WE HAVE RELAXING CHILL OUT AREAS**

**FREE TEA & COFFEE FREE INTERNET ACCESS
PLAYSTATION WII POOL TABLE**

**WE HAVE QUALIFIED YOUTH WORKERS AND PERSONAL
ADVISORS TO HELP YOU WITH CAREERS ADVICE, TRAINING &
DEVELOPMENT AS WELL AS HELP WITH JOB SEARCHES AND
HELP WITH CV'S**

Contact Victor, Bal or Gemma on 01708 862001
or pop into
Aveley Youth & Community Centre,
108 High Street, Aveley, RM15 4BX,
www.aveleycf.org.uk



IT For Everyone

Here at The Forum we know Computers and the World Wide Web can seem complicated and sometimes a bit scary especially if you are new to PC's

So we are starting a small and friendly group to help you learn more

**Every Saturday
between 10am & Noon at the
Aveley Youth & Community Centre**



We will be running the

IT CLUB

where you can learn how to make computers your friend

Whether you just want to find out how to send emails, learn to surf or how to write letters and use spreadsheets this club will help

**All training is one-to-one and at
a speed and level that works for you
and enjoy a cup of tea or coffee at the same time
There's no need to book - Just pop in!**

For more information call the Centre on 01708 862001



Do you have an idea for a club or activity for the village? Why not pop in and tell us and maybe we can help

**Are You an Aveley Lass or Lad?
Did You Grow Up In The Village?
Were You Born Here?
Could You Tell Us Your Story?**

Starting on 9th January
then the Second Wednesday of Each Month
at 10.30am to 12noon
You can share your
Recollections of Aveley
at the Aveley Youth & Community Centre

Bring your memories, Bring your photos, Bring your friends
and we'll bring the Tea & Coffee

Your memories are important to hear and share



ESSEX SAVERS NOW IN THURROCK

**DO YOU WANT A SAFE AND CONVENIENT WAY TO SAVE?
Do you want easy-to-access loans at fair rates of interest?**



How does it work?

Essex Savers net Credit Union works as a community bank where you can put your savings knowing that they are in a safe place.



Who can join?

Anyone living or working in Essex.

Benefits of borrowing

- Competitive interest rates charged
- No hidden charges
- No penalty for early repayments
- Fixed interest rate to help budgeting
- Flexible repayment terms
- Loan protection through the Death Benefit Scheme



Benefits include

- A safe place for savings
- Easy to pay in and withdraw your money
- Access to money advice
- Access to affordable loans

Withdrawals

Seven days' notice is required for withdrawals
- allow 7 days from receipt of your completed withdrawal form.

**Coming Soon To Aveley
Look Out For The Dates**

For more information contact Cheryl Williams 07767 463555
Email ecwilliams@thurrock.gov.uk

A New You

It seems a bit strange to be talking about keeping fit when it is still March and it is SNOWING! People are more concerned with keeping warm instead.

Still, Spring is coming and so is Summer and it may be time to look back at those New Year Resolutions and maybe we can help.

Did you want to give up smoking. No easy job but this is where Vitality can work with you. They will help you give up and show you ways to keep smoke free. You don't have to travel, they will come and meet you at the Centre. Just ring them on 0800 077 8000 and have a chat. They can also give advice on a whole host of other healthy living matters

Perhaps you want to be a little bit fitter. You could join our Tai Chi classes. Held at the Centre every Wednesday at 2pm, Trevor will work those bones and muscles. Its Free for the first 10 weeks then just £3 per session.



If you are under 18, you could join our football training on Mondays and Wednesdays. Just ask at the Centre for details

Aveley Youth Centre TV

No, we didn't forget to put in the spaces. This is the name of the Youth Centre's new channel on YouTube. As part of our skills training programme, we have set up a video production project.



Led by Nitin Lutchmun, who also volunteers at the Youth Centre, those on the course

learn everything about making professional standard videos. The course includes screen writing, story boarding, filming techniques, editing, sound and final production.

So far they have produced 9 videos, all of which can be seen on YouTube. Subjects range from showcasing skills such as singing, what happens around Aveley and there is even one showing the dangers of knife crime. At the time of writing the videos had been viewed over 2,550 times and even attracted the attention of BBC Essex and Your Thurrock. You can see all our videos on YouTube at AveleyYouthCentreTV.

TeenFest 2013

It was a dark, cold and snowy night but that wasn't going to stop Aveley's young people from enjoying themselves. TeenFest 2013 got underway at 7.30pm on Friday 22nd February. The venue was the Essex



Sports Village hall and it was decked out in style. There was music, food and drink (alcohol free, of course) all laid on.

There was entertainment from MC Fusion, a local rapper, and DJ Breezer provided the music. There was an attempt at a record breaking Harlem Shuffle (who was that man with a basket on his head?)

Everyone one got in on the dancing. There is even a rumour that the Project Manger was seen Dad Dancing! You can see if this is true on YouTube.

This was the last event in the Altogether Aveley Programme that saw around 6,000 people in total attending the four main events.

Recollections of Aveley

There is a rich heritage and history in and around Aveley dating back to well before Roman times. There are dozens if not hundreds of ancient sites going back thousands of years. Kenningtons is mentioned in the Domesday Book. With all the new building and people moving in to the Village, all this could be lost.

So a group of local residents have decided to get together once a month to share stories, remembrances



and pictures of their life in the Village. We don't think anyone actually dates from Roman times but they do have a lot of memories to share,

So, if you want to find out a bit more about Aveley or have something to share, why not join in? The group meet on the second Wednesday of the month at 10.30am.

What's Happening at The Aveley Youth & Community Centre?

Arts & Crafts
10am Friday

Little Adventurers
Toddler Group
10am Monday

Buggy Walkers
Tuesday 1pm

High Tea
1st Thursday 2pm

The Hub
1pm Monday

Information & Advice
Centre

Tai Chi
2pm Wednesdays

Youthy Juniors
3.30 - 6pm
Mon - Thurs

Krafty Kidz
10am Tuesday

Youthy Seniors
6.30 - 9pm
Mon - Thurs

Table Tennis
10am Saturday

All this and MORE!!

See us on You Tube at [AveleyYouthCentreTV](#)



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