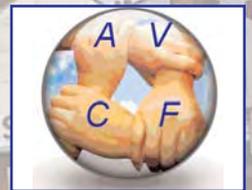
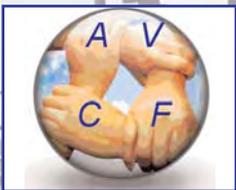


Aveley Update

Welcome to the first edition of the Aveley Update. In this magazine we will be letting you know what the Aveley Village Community Forum is doing in the Village. We will also try and update you on issues facing our village and what is going on in and around Aveley.

We will be telling you about the people who work in the Village to make Aveley a better place and about the clubs and groups in Aveley. We will keep you up to date on the Youth and Community Centre project and let you know how the proposed Intergenerational Community Centre is coming along.

There will be information on what services are working locally and how to get in touch with them. We will also tell you what the Forum does and how it can help both residents and clubs alike. We will also show how you can have a better say in your community, help make your views count and how to get involved.



Youth & Community Centre News

You might have been wondering what we have been doing but the new Youth and Community Centre is getting nearer to opening. We know that it has been a while getting things done but we are in the final stages.

We are about to sign the lease on the old Thurrock Workshop and as soon as the legal work is done we will be moving in and getting to work. The Youth Centre will be a dedicated part of the building and will be open during the day as well as some evenings. The final choices will be made by the young people using the Centre but our initial plans include an Internet Café, pool tables and juice bar. We have taken on a full time youth & community worker to help set this all up.



In the front part of the building will be our own Community Centre. This will be open during the day to give help and advice to village residents. We will also be bringing in groups and services that are not available in the Village so you can get what you need right where you live. What services we bring in will depend on you telling us what is needed.

In the middle of the building we are setting up a new room. This will be available for all sorts of activities and events to take place. These could include a Parent & Toddler Group, Fitness Classes or training days. It will also give a bit more space for the Youth Centre when it's not in use.

So keep your eyes out as work starts and we finally open.



Who's Who at The Forum

So just who is running the Forum and who does what?

Well, the Forum is made up of residents, organisations and businesses from the village. We have local members and full members. Full members are those people who have applied to become members and are allowed to vote at normal or general meetings. Local members can attend any meeting but can only vote if agreed by the full members or if the meeting is the Annual General Meeting.

The Forum is both a company and a charity and therefore we have Director Trustees who have ultimate responsibility for the actions of the Forum. There are 5 Director Trustees and to help manage the Forum's affairs a further 8 full members form the Management Committee.



Our current Director Trustees are: Alan Field, Chair, Amanda Wilton, Vice Chair, Alex Day (Treasurer and Company Secretary, Beryl Davies, Director Trustee and David Robinson who is also a Director Trustee. The Director Trustees are elected at our Annual General Meetings and serve for three years before facing an election.

We already have one member of staff, Ray Munro-Crump, who is our Project Manager and we are taking on Michael Heylligar as our full time Youth & Community Worker. We are also planning to take on some part time youth workers to help staff the Youth Centre.

In the photo you can see Ray (front left) Alan our chair (front right) and some of the team behind them. In future issues we hope to be able to focus on some of our members and tell you a bit about them.

Christmas Market 2009

The day did not bode well as we started to set up the Christmas Market. But the torrential rain and wind gave way to sun, snow and ice. Yes, we said snow and ice. By the time the Christmas Market was opened by the Mayor of Thurrock, the rain had gone and the sun had come out and about 2,500 people took to the streets. The snow turned Santa's Grotto into a Winter Wonderland and the ice skating rink donated by the Co-operative was packed nearly all day.



Skaters danced to the music of our DJ and the Christmas music performed live by the Aveley & Newham Brass Band and traditional mince pies were given away by Co-op staff. The Guides, WI and Essex Wildlife Trust showed us what they do and a massive range of traditional Christmas food and decorations were on sale. There were even tea cups for the tiny tots to ride in. All in all, a busy day for the Forum members and the stall holders, but well worth it.

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Are you already involved in a voluntary or community group or want to get involved?

Are you worried that you don't have the skills or confidence to take part?

Don't miss out on courses starting January 2010:

- Confidence & Assertiveness Skills
- Book-Keeping for Treasurers
- Community Forums - what's in it for me?
- Chairing & Facilitation Skills
- Dealing with Difficult Situations
- Presentation & Speaking Skills
- Health & Safety / Food Safety
- Secretary Skills for Your Group
- Improve Your Writing Skills
- Appointed Persons (First Aid)
- Event Management
- Basic & Advanced Computer Skills

For a full list with dates & venues contact:

Claire Downes, ngage

Tel: 01375 389893

E-mail: claire@ngagethurrock.org.uk

Funding Help for Aveley Groups

Not everyone seems to know that the Veolia ES Cleanaway Mardyke Trust can help with projects in Aveley.

In the last ten years, the Trust has helped to fund over 200 projects across Thurrock with nearly £5million of money - but surprisingly, the Trust seems to receive few bids from Aveley. Yes, it has promised to help with our own Forum's expenditure, and yes it did provide much of the money for the ball court, shelter and new play area in the Park (in partnership with the Play Builder Scheme), and it has helped the bowls club, St. Michael's Church and Aveley Methodist Church each with several projects, and in fact so far it has never turned down a single bid from Aveley.....so perhaps we haven't done too badly after all - but could we do even better?

The Trust can only fund certain types of projects - they have to be in public parks, or other types of "public amenities", or they can help religious or historic buildings. Maybe there aren't that many projects in Aveley that can qualify, but we do have a huge opportunity for help if we need it.



The Play Area in the photo above is just one of the projects in Aveley funded by the Trust

We know that the Aveley Band are looking at what needs doing to their hall to see if the Trust can help, and we know that St. Michael's Church and the bowls club know where to go if they need more help, but what about the rest of Aveley? Are there projects out there that you would love to see but don't know how to get them done? Is there something more that should be done to the park to make it better for everyone?



If you've got some ideas, you're welcome to talk to us first to see if it might be possible, or if you prefer you can contact the Secretary of the Trust direct - Andy Furze on 01279 84 3675. It's up to you!

Aveley Village Community Forum

Meeting Information

Forum meetings are held at 7.30 on the third Tuesday of each month in the Aveley Christian Centre. The meetings are open to all including residents and local businesses. Everyone is welcome to join in, ask questions or make comments and suggestions. However, unless otherwise stated, voting is only by full members of the Forum.

Further information is on our website at www.aveleycf.org.uk

Who's At The Door?

Knowing just who is outside your front door can be a challenge, especially if you are a little bit older or need a little help.

To help keep our residents safer Thurrock Community Safety Partnership have purchased some Home Security equipment for the elderly or vulnerable. For only £7 an hour a qualified handyman from Anchor Staying Put will visit the property and install a doorstep pack which contains a number of items. These packs include: A Door Viewer, Door Chain, Door Chain Mirror, Magnetic Door & Window Alarm, a memo minder, a Credit Card Magnifier and a 24hr timer switch.

These items have been paid for so it is just the cost of the labour (£7 per hour). If you know anyone that would benefit from the scheme, please contact Anchor Staying Put with the occupier and property details on 01268 638406 or email stayingput.thurrock@anchor.org.uk



THIS IS ONLY AVAILABLE UNTIL 1ST APRIL 2010, You don't have to be a Council tenant, private houses can be protected too.

So don't wait to get in touch.

Right On Your Doorstep



Belhus Woods Country Park

Take time out this season to enjoy your local country park.

Treat yourself to a hot drink and snack in the tearoom or take a walk around the ancient woodlands or lakes.

With fine views and historical interest Belhus is a great park to lose yourself in.

Belhus Woods Country Park, Aveley, RM15 4XJ.

Contact: 01708 865628. Website: www.visitparks.co.uk

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Aveley FC News



As a result of Aveley Football Club's promotion into the Ryman Premier League this season, the club needed to increase its covered capacity at its Mill Road ground. A new stand - which has been part funded by the Veolia Mardyke Trust - needs to be completed by the end of March, in time to ensure Aveley FC meet with the Football Association's regulations. The covered stand will increase the covered capacity at the ground by nearly 700, so there should be plenty of room if you want to come along and see one of our matches.

This is the first time in the club's history, we have competed in the Ryman Premier Division. We would welcome new local support encouraging our ambition to maintain our status. We pride ourselves on being a friendly family club at the heart of our community. We have 14 youth teams from 7-18 yrs old, including 2 female teams. We have also just started our Mini Millers section for 4-6 yr olds.

We have recently refurbished our Millers Suite, which is available for weddings, parties, meetings, fund raising etc. If you are interested in booking our function suite please give George a call on 01708 863793

For everything Aveley FC, check out our website at www.aveleyfc.net

Kenningtons Community Forum

Committed to the Community

What are the aims of Kenningtons Community Forum?

To be politically neutral!!

To ensure the Kenningtons Estate and the surrounding area is represented on all decision making bodies in Thurrock, that could affect our area, and to ensure that our views are known. To encourage local residents to make their views known to the Council, either directly or through the Forum.

To support all local groups/organisations that would benefit from our assistance when dealing with the Council or with financial help when possible. To do our best to make all residents aware of any consultations affecting the area and encourage them to take part. To continue to support and/or instigate projects that will encourage good citizenship amongst the whole Community, and reduce anti-social behaviour.

To obtain better local leisure facilities.

We hold monthly open meetings at the Methodist Church in Shannon Way starting at 7.30pm. The dates vary to allow those to come who cannot make a specific evening. The date of our next meeting is always shown on our web site or and is advertised in both the local paper shop and the library down the village.