



# AYLESHAM Community Development Update

*Edition 2*  
*Winter* 2008

*Merry Christmas*



*We hope you enjoyed the first issue and many thanks for the positive comments on the articles submitted. I should like to welcome Margaret Samson to the editorial team - please feel free to contact us if you would like to see anything in particular included and we would welcome your input to future editions. We hope you enjoy this Christmas Edition and send Best Wishes to you all for Christmas and the New Year.*  
*Kay and Margaret*

*We have decided that in each edition we will highlight one aspect of the Village and this edition we have chosen Snowdown Court. If you would like to be featured please contact us.*



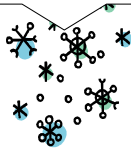
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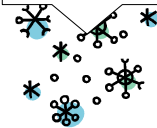
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## Merry Christmas

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Parish  
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## Aylesham Community Development Partnership

### Aylesham Community Development Partnership

ACDP includes representatives from the community, local organisations, businesses, Aylesham Parish Council and Dover District Council, and has the responsibility of promoting the best interests of the village in the regeneration project in order to hopefully achieve the best opportunities and outcomes for Aylesham. As the latest plans have recently been available at Aylesham House, ACDP hope that many of you were able to take the opportunity to view these to give your opinion. An exhibition by the Developers has been planned for early December - a confirmation date and further details will be displayed on the Community Development Notice Board. The final date for submissions has been extended to Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2008. ACDP will endeavour to work with the Developers and Councils for the benefit of Aylesham and this Newsletter will aim to keep you informed of the results.

## Winter Focus on Snowdown Court

We visited Snowdown Court for a Friday Coffee morning event and were met by a delicious cooked breakfast smell and found about 35 residents with visiting friends and relatives enjoying freshly made bacon rolls with their hot drinks.



Other community members and friends are also welcome to join the many social excursions and theatre trips enjoyed by residents. All events and trips are advertised on the notice board outside Snowdown Court.

We spoke to several residents and they were pleased with their facilities and felt very secure; one resident who was a newcomer to the village expressed how happy she was and how welcoming the people of Aylesham had been to her. There was a general feeling of good involvement and organisation to counteract any possible isolation.

This was just one of the many social occasions held here that are open to visitors. During the week Bingo sessions are held and an Indoor Bowling activity takes place on Wednesdays.



A small raffle was held with chocolates and other goodies as prizes that gave a buzz of excitement. There was also an American Supper planned for later that day, so, as you will realise, there is a lot going on for our more mature villagers.



**There will be a Christmas Coffee Morning held on Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> December at 10.00am.**



Snowdown Court is one of two Sheltered Accommodation schemes in Aylesham, the other being Eastry Court. There will be more on this in a future edition.

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### **Aylesham Training Requirement Survey**

Thank you to everyone who has taken the time to complete and return the training requirement questionnaires. If you have not yet received a questionnaire, but feel that you could benefit from potential training and are interested in opportunities, questionnaires and information are available from the Aylesham Community Development Office. Please feel free to call in any Monday or Friday from 09.00am, or telephone 01304 841741 / 07747 016434.

## **PACT (Partners and Community Together)**

The success of PACT is dependant on public support to identify and resolve local concerns and give residents the opportunity to influence the way that their neighbourhood is managed. PACT meetings are open to everyone. At these meetings you can meet your neighbourhood policing team, have your say on how your neighbourhood is policed and monitor performance.

During 2008 the following priorities were identified and actioned:

✂ <b>Speed Limits</b>	Following random checks members of the public were advised and educated on speed limits within the village
✂ <b>Under Age Drinking</b>	Sales of alcohol have been monitored and youngsters advised on the health issues surrounding alcohol and substance abuse
✂ <b>Nuisance Motorbikes</b>	A 'Section 59' warning has been issued to the owner of a bike with the implication that the bike in question can be seized and possibly destroyed on the next reported occasion - even if the bike is ridden by another person
✂ <b>Fly Tipping</b>	A fine has been issued to an identified offender
✂ <b>School Intrusion</b>	Three Youths have been arrested and cautioned in connection with a break-in and incident relating to misuse of a water-softener chemical

We should like to continue the success of PACT and the way you can help us make it better next year is to **attend PACT meetings**. Throughout 2008 these meetings will be held at Aylesham House on the following dates:

**Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2009**

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2009**

**Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> July 2009**

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2009**

Your community PACT representatives are:

### Community Police Team

PC Dave Kenningale

Tel: 07980 683818

PCSO Katie Parker Brown

Tel: 07969 584204

### District Councillors

Linda Keen

Tel: 01227 8730790

Bob Thompson

Tel: 01304 840355

### Kent County Councillor

Eileen Rowbotham

Tel: 01622 694434

### Parish Councillor

Michael de la Mare

Tel: 01304 841893

## **Aylesham Parish Council Information**

- Aylesham Parish Council is in liaison with the Stagecoach Bus service in an effort to resolve a reported problem regarding overcrowding on the 07.45am bus to Canterbury. Should anyone have information regarding any incident could they please put it in writing with the date of the problems or contact the Parish Clerk on 01304 840377.
- The Planning Application for the future development of Aylesham has now been published. Copies are available for viewing at Aylesham Library and at the Parish Council Offices. The final date for submissions is 19<sup>th</sup> December 2008.
- Parish Council Surgeries are held every Friday morning at Aylesham House from 10.00am to 12.00noon for advice and information. Please see the Parish Council Notice Board for copies of Monthly Meeting minutes and other items of interest.



Mrs Abigail Birch  
Headteacher

## Aylesham Primary School

I am the recently appointed Head Teacher at Aylesham Primary School having been in post since September 2008.

I have been overwhelmed by the enthusiasm and dedication of the staff and pupils at the school who, alongside the parents and governors have been unstinting in their support for change and improved standards.

In the short time that I have been here we, as a school have an increasing sense of community and identity and believe that our school has great potential and that okay is not good enough for the pupils that form the current and future population of the school. For myself, this has been the most rewarding phase of my career.

Each day I leave the school with the knowledge that I am part of something truly exciting.

As most of you are already aware I have come to Aylesham having been Acting Head Teacher at Harbour School in Dover for 15 months. Prior to being employed at Harbour School I attended Goldsmiths College, University of London to gain my PGCE in Art and Geography and before that I was Christchurch in Canterbury where I studied for BA (Hons) in Art and Geography.

As a child I moved around Britain attending 9 schools as my parents were Salvation Army Officers. Despite popular guesses and opinion I am a northern lass having been born in Sheffield.

Now I am married, and my family and I live in Sandwich, with 2 crazy greyhounds.

I am honoured to be the Head Teacher of Aylesham Primary and truly believe that throughout my leadership I am 'here to serve'.

I look forward to knowing you all better throughout the coming months and years.

### Forthcoming School Events



#### Aylesham Primary School

12<sup>th</sup> December  
3.30pm to 4.30pm  
Christmas Bazaar,  
with "Santa's Grotto"

17<sup>th</sup> December  
1.30pm  
Key Stage 1  
Christmas  
Play "It's a Baby!"  
Special performance  
for older residents

#### St Josephs School

6<sup>th</sup> December  
11.30am to 2.30pm  
at St Josephs  
School  
Joint School & Parish  
Christmas Fair -  
Lots of stalls and  
Father Christmas

17<sup>th</sup> December  
7.30pm in  
St Finbarrs  
Catholic Church  
Christmas Carol Service  
All Welcome

If you should like further information on any of these articles, or are interested in joining a local group, please contact Kay Sutcliffe at the Community Development Office, Aylesham House.

Tel: 01304 841741 /07747 016434 or email [kay.sutcliffe@dover.gov.uk](mailto:kay.sutcliffe@dover.gov.uk)

**Please look out for the new AYLESHAM WEBSITE which is currently under construction at [www.ayleshamvillage.co.uk](http://www.ayleshamvillage.co.uk) and we would welcome your constructive comments.**

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