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Winter 2019



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A warm festive welcome to Aylesbury Town

Set in the heart of picturesque Buckinghamshire, Aylesbury's bustling market town offers something for everyone. With its own fascinating heritage trail and an amazing programme of events and entertainment, Aylesbury also boasts regular markets in its historic, cobbled Market Square - making spending time in the town a truly unique experience for both residents and visitors.

In a town where old meets new, Aylesbury proudly presents a blend of exquisite eateries, bespoke pieces of art, a dazzling theatre, independent shops and eclectic markets. With so many new and exciting additions, there's no better time to explore everything the town has to offer.

There's a wide range of exciting independent and national eateries to tempt your taste buds as well as some great bars, restaurants and cafés playing live music. This winter, enjoy an evening's entertainment at Aylesbury Waterside Theatre by indulging in a dazzling programme of West End shows or the ever-popular Christmas pantomime. And be sure to check out the fantastic selection of Winter Warmers - an extensive list of Aylesbury's cosiest cafés, bars and restaurants offering special festive menus, perfect if you're planning a Christmas celebration with work colleagues, family or friends.

There's so much to explore in the town, so escape, enjoy, discover and indulge in all that Aylesbury has to offer.



Retail therapy

The town boasts three main shopping centres: Friars Square, Hale Leys and Aylesbury Shopping Park, all of which offer many well-known high street retailers. For information including opening times and retail stores, please visit each shopping centre's website:

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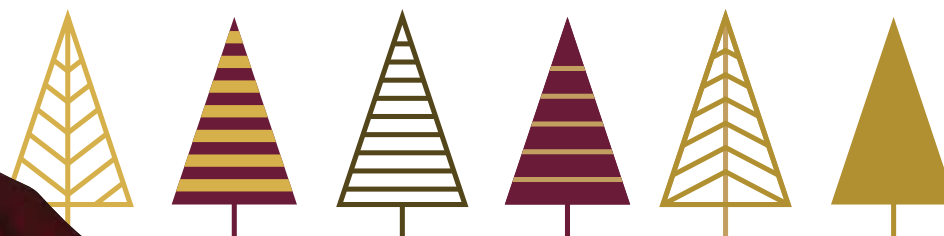
haleleys.co.uk

aylesburyshoppingpark.co.uk

Other excellent options for some retail therapy are the High Street, Market Street, Cambridge Street and Buckingham Street.

Aylesbury also has several alternative attractions where you can find unique gifts and treats, such as St Mary's Church and the Bucks County Museum Shop, as well as four daily markets across the week in the heart of the town (see pages 8 - 9 for more details).

Amazon lockers are also available in Hale Leys and Friars Square shopping centres. For further information visit amazon.co.uk





Enjoy your evenings
in Aylesbury town centre
with our selection of winter warmers

Find your favourites at visitaylesbury.co.uk/winter-warmers



What's new...

Whether it's a Christmas celebration, family meal out, hitting the town with friends, or a romantic date night, you can find a fantastic mix of NEW eateries to tingle the taste buds in Aylesbury town centre.

This year Aylesbury has warmly welcomed some fantastic favourites and exciting independent restaurants to the town centre. Growing ever popular, Rococo Lounge, The Grill Steakhouse and Zizzi have all opened their doors at The Exchange. Following suit and boasting stylish décor on the corner of Walton Street, MIYA offers delicious Japanese cuisine and in Kingsbury, Aylesbury can take delight in new Turkish restaurant, Kuzzu.

And there's more on the horizon...

Soon to call Aylesbury home is Buckinghamshire's first rooftop bar and restaurant, The Manor. Bucks New University's Aylesbury Campus will be opening the Basin Café offering a perfect coffee and cake break in the beautiful and tranquil setting of the Waterside canal basin.

Stay and Play

An independent coffee lounge and soft play has opened in Hale Leys shopping centre, this is a great way of using retail spaces in a different way.

Keep up-to-date with all the latest exciting developments at visitaylesbury.co.uk

THE
MANOR



Stay
AND
PLAY



Aylesbury Garden Town: 2050 Vision

It's nearly three years since Aylesbury was awarded Garden Town status and given a once in a lifetime opportunity to improve the lives of our community. Since then we've been drawing up plans for the way the town will evolve over the next few decades, through listening and engaging with the many different groups that make Aylesbury the great place that it is. We've heard from residents and local businesses, as well as stakeholders, community groups and partners - and we've used that feedback to shape our Vision for 2050, which builds on Aylesbury's heritage and strengths and looks to its future opportunities as a Garden Town.



Aylesbury for Everyone

There are eight key themes that shape the Vision, but at the heart is our aim to create an Aylesbury that is designed for everyone. As the birthplace of the Paralympic Movement, a legacy of inclusion and accessibility is an essential part of the future of the town and underpins the themes that will influence the projects and initiatives we undertake. We want to make Aylesbury a greener, more inclusive and prosperous place, where everyone can enjoy a high quality of life.

Key themes of 2050 Vision:

- Putting the Town Centre first
- An innovation and investment hub
- The highest quality of life for all
- A green and healthy Garden Town
- Aylesbury on the move
- Distinctive garden communities
- A smart and sustainable Garden Town
- Integrated delivery of the Garden Town

Projects

As a Garden Town we've already attracted government funding to get started on the transformation of Aylesbury, improving transport links and infrastructure. A number of projects are underway, including improving and extending cycle routes, a multi-million pound project to trial innovative new technology in the town and community food growing, enabling people to grow and share fresh fruit and vegetables.

Masterplan

Following on from the Vision document, there will be a Masterplan that sets out how we will deliver the Garden Town. We will be asking for your feedback on this early next year.

Get involved

You can find a copy of the Vision document on our website. Here you can read through all the themes in more detail and leave your comments - just follow the link from the home page. To obtain a hard copy, or large format, of the Vision document email contactus@aylesburygardentown.co.uk or call 01296 585279.

To make sure you keep up-to-date on all our exciting projects follow us on Twitter and Facebook @AylesburyGT or register for updates on our website at aylesburygardentown.co.uk.



A warm welcome to Aylesbury Markets

AYLESBURY
**VINTAGE
CRAFT
BAZAAR**



Tuesday
9am - 2pm

AYLESBURY
**FOODIE
FRIDAYS**



Friday
9am - 4pm

AYLESBURY
**GENERAL
MARKET**



Wednesday,
Friday and
Saturday
9am - 4pm

For more information visit
aylesburyvaldc.gov.uk/market
[@aylesburyevents](https://www.facebook.com/aylesburyevents)

[@aylesburymarkets](https://twitter.com/aylesburymarkets)
[@aylesburymarkettraders](https://www.facebook.com/aylesburymarkettraders)
[@aylesburymarkets](https://www.instagram.com/aylesburymarkets)

Shop Local

Regular stalls include:

Italian bread & delicacies, Afro Caribbean cuisine, fresh fish & meat, fresh fruit & vegetables, handbags & luggage, mobile phone accessories, bedding plants, fashion & accessories, fabrics and teas & coffees.

Enjoy street food every Friday on the Foodie Friday Market. Get ready for Christmas! From your Christmas dinner vegetables to last minute special gifts, enjoy the hustle and bustle while soaking up the festive atmosphere in Market Square this Christmas.



Market trading times over the festive period

Thursday	19 Dec	9 am - 6:30 pm
Monday	23 Dec	9 am - 4 pm
Tuesday	24 Dec	9 am - 4 pm
Wednesday	25 Dec	Closed
Friday	27 Dec	Closed
Saturday	28 Dec	Closed
Tuesday	31 Dec	9 am - 4 pm
Wednesday	1 Jan	Closed
Friday	2 Jan	Normal trading resumes

Aylesbury Town Centre Partnership events

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas in Aylesbury Town Centre!

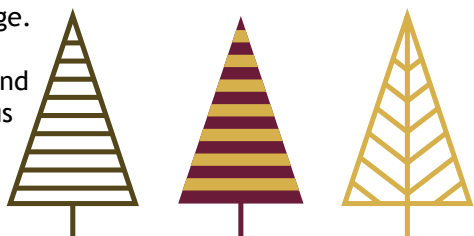
Thursday 14 November 5:30 pm - 8 pm

Join in the fun in Aylesbury Town Centre to welcome the start of Christmas. The ever-popular Christmas Light Switch On, hosted by Mix 96 and the Aylesbury Town Centre Partnership, will take place between 5:30 pm and 8 pm in Market Square, together with a funfair in Kingsbury until 8:30 pm. The lights will be switched on at 7 pm and will be followed by a spectacular fireworks display. With a host of live performances, special guest appearances from some of the cast from the panto at Aylesbury Waterside Theatre, and a vast range of street food available - there really is something for everyone!

Santa's Sunday

Sunday 24 November 10:45 am - 3 pm

A real family favourite! Start your festive season with this fantastic parade, drawn by two unicorns pulling an enchanted Cinderella carriage carrying both Cinderella and the Snow Queen from the Panto at Queens Park Arts Centre. The parade will include amazing stilt walkers as candy canes and Christmas trees, real donkeys and a vibrant samba band along with a colourful array of music and dance groups. They will be singing and dancing their way through the town at 10:45 am, starting from the High Street and making their way around to Market Square and finishing in The Exchange. After the parade, there will be a range of entertainment including a small fun fair and donkey rides, all accompanied by a delicious range of street food.



Christmas Craft and Gift Fair

Sunday 1 December 11 am - 3 pm

The largest FREE entry Christmas Craft and Gift Fair in Buckinghamshire.

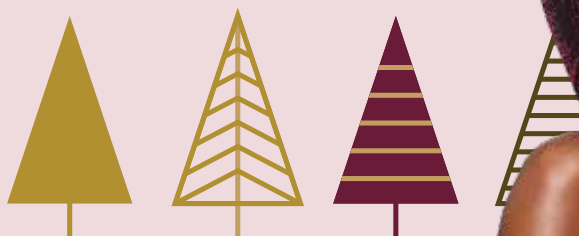
With over 80 stalls to browse, come and discover a wealth of unique and handcrafted Christmas gift ideas for your loved ones in the historic Market Square, whilst enjoying festive music, entertainment and delicious street food. For more information go to visitaylesbury.co.uk



Shopping Event on Aylesbury Market

Thursday 19 December 9 am - 6:30 pm

There will be a great selection of stalls in Market Square if you are still looking to find that perfect gift or just do some additional shopping. Enjoy music, entertainment and street food whilst you browse the stalls.





Festive Dates

November

Thursday 7	Town Mayor's Remembrance service St Mary's Church 7 pm
Saturday 9	Art & Craft Fair Queens Park Art Centre 10 am - 4 pm www.qpc.org
Sunday 10	Remembrance Sunday Market Square 11 am
Saturday 16	Santa's Grotto opens Friars Square
Saturday 16	Bucks Museum PRIDE Bucks County Museum 4 pm - 10 pm
Saturday 20	Concert at Aylesbury Methodist Church 7:30 pm
Saturday 30	Festive Saturdays Friars Square 11 am - 3 pm
9 Nov - 4 Jan	Katie Surridge: Muir Trust Artist in Residence Exhibition Bucks County Museum www.buckscountymuseum.org
16 Nov - 7 Dec	Off the Wall Art Fair Bucks County Museum www.buckscountymuseum.org

Open your eyes...
discover your
Aylesbury

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Your digital guide to all that
Aylesbury has to offer.

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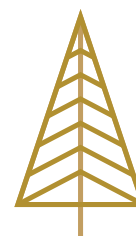
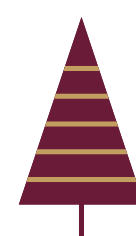
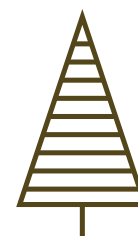
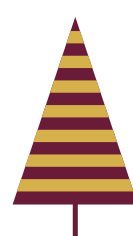
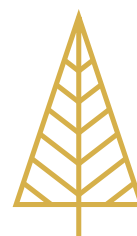
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December

Sunday 1	Town Mayor's Carol Service St Mary's Church 5:30 pm
Saturday 7	Festive Saturdays Friars Square 11 am - 3 pm
Sunday 8	Festive Family Fun Friars Square 11 am - 4 pm
Sunday 8	Carolfest St Mary's Church 6 pm - 7 pm
Sunday 8	Christmas Craft Workshops Queens Park Art Centre www.qpc.org
Saturday 14	Festive Saturdays Friars Square 11 am - 3 pm
Saturday 14	12 days of Christmas Science show Bucks County Museum www.buckscountymuseum.org
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3-29 Dec	Pop-up Christmas Shop Queens Park Art Centre www.qpc.org
6-29 Dec	The Snow Queen Queens Park Art Centre www.qpc.org
6 Dec - 5 Jan	Beauty & the Beast The Waterside Theatre atgtickets.com





Take time to discover

Bucks County Museum

Displays and exhibitions plus the Roald Dahl Children's Gallery.

Vale Park

Aylesbury's main park features a modern fenced play area, a multi-games area suitable for football and basketball, a skate park and tennis courts.

Aylesbury Heritage Walk

A fascinating self-guided walk that gives an insight into the town's architectural history. The booklet to accompany the walk costs just £1 and can be purchased from Bucks County Museum or the Town Council offices in Church Street.

Aylesbury Waterside Theatre

A modern venue hosting a range of entertainment from professional opera, classical and popular music, ballet and theatre through to community and amateur dramatics.

"Earthly Messenger"

The statue, tributed to David Bowie, has been created by world-famous sculptor Andrew Sinclair. The statue sits underneath the Arches at the bottom of Market Square.

Queens Park Arts Centre

A fully community-based venue, the Queens Park Arts Centre offers over 60 arts and crafts workshops every week. The relaxed Limelight Theatre at the centre hosts a range of theatre, comedy and music.

Odeon Cinema

Hosting a range of new releases each week.

Aqua Vale

A competition standard 25-metre main pool, a large pool with a retractable roof as well as a leisure pool, complete with a lazy river. Well-appointed gym, extensive group cycling and exercise programme, a dance studio and a café.

Rogue Leisure

Tenpin bowling, indoor karting and a soft play area. The bowling centre offers 14 lanes of fun for all the family, plus a fully licensed bar and the Rogue Café serving hot and cold food.

VIRE Escape Rooms

Try out the Arctic Survival Escape launching in November as well as the Invaders House rooms. These present a great challenge to anyone who loves escape rooms, and don't forget to check out the virtual reality and Nerf arenas.

Stay & Play

Check out the new place to Stay & Play in Hale Leys. Brand new, state of the art play equipment is waiting for your children to come and play.

Christmas 2019 shopping hours

Santa's Grotto

Opens 16 November. For further information visit friarsquareshopping.com

Late night shopping

Every Thursday from 14 November until 19 December

Shopping Hours

Date	Friars Square	Hale Leys
Sunday 24 Nov	9 am - 5:30 pm	8:30 am - 5:30 pm
Friday 29 Nov	9 am - 8 pm	9 am - 7 pm
Thursday 12 Dec	9 am - 7 pm	9 am - 7 pm
Monday 16 Dec	9 am - 5:30 pm	9 am - 7 pm
Tuesday 17 Dec	9 am - 5:30 pm	9 am - 7 pm
Wednesday 18 Dec	9 am - 5:30 pm	9 am - 7 pm
Thursday 19 Dec	9 am - 7 pm	9 am - 7 pm
Fri day 20 Dec	9 am - 5:30 pm	9 am - 7 pm
Saturday 21 Dec	9 am - 7 pm	8:30 am - 6 pm
Sunday 22 Dec	10:30 am - 4:30 pm	10:30 am - 4:30 pm
Monday 23 Dec	9 am - 7 pm	8:30 am - 6 pm
Tuesday 24 Dec	9 am - 4:30 pm	8:30 am - 5 pm
Wednesday 25 Dec	Closed	Closed
Thursday 26 Dec	5 am - 6 pm Next Sale 10:30 am - 4:30 pm	10 am - 5 pm
Friday 27 Dec	9 am - 5:30 pm	9 am - 5:30 pm
Saturday 28 Dec	9 am - 5:30 pm	9 am - 5:30 pm
Sunday 29 Dec	10:30 am - 4:30 pm	10:30 am - 4:30 pm
Monday 30 Dec	9 am - 5:30 pm	9 am - 5:30 pm
Tues day 31 Dec	9 am - 4 pm	9 am - 5:30 pm
Wednesday 1 Jan	10:30 am - 4:30 pm	10 am - 5 pm
Thursday 2 Jan	Back to normal trading	Back to normal trading

Where dates are not listed it is normal trading. See page 9 for Market trading hours.



Easy to reach

Travelling by car

Driving from the M25 - leave the motorway at junction 20 and take the A41 to Aylesbury & Hemel Hempstead. Follow signs to Aylesbury and, once in Aylesbury, to the town centre.

Driving from the M40 - leave the motorway at junction 8a and take the A418 to Aylesbury. Follow signs to Aylesbury and, once in Aylesbury, to the town centre.

Travelling by train

Travel with Chiltern Railways from London Marylebone to Aylesbury in around an hour.

Aylesbury train station is just a few minutes' walk from the Market Square.

Travelling by bus

Aylesbury bus station is located just off of Market Square and has regular bus services running to and from nearby villages and towns.

Travelling by bike

Aylesbury is one of the original six national cycling towns and has a great network of cycle routes allowing you to cycle into the town centre from a number of nearby areas and villages. It also provides safe and easy links to key destinations across the town.

Once in the town centre, you will find over 250 free cycle parking stands, therefore you can park your bike close to your destination, making it a quick, cheap, convenient and healthy travel option!

Travelling by narrow boat

The Aylesbury Arm of the Grand Union Canal finishes at the Aylesbury basin next to the Waterside Theatre and University Campus Aylesbury Vale. There are several towpath visitor moorings, with easy access to service moorings with water and electricity supplies. Six pontoon visitor moorings are available for use. The basin is just a few minutes' walk to the Market Square.

Transport information

arrivabus.co.uk - travelinesoutheast.org.uk - Black cabs 01296 422222

Parking information

Aylesbury has a range of short and long-stay car parks around the town centre and is also well equipped with over 250 free cycle parking spaces. For more information please go to visitaylesbury.co.uk or friarssqureshopping.com

Free parking in AVDC town centre car parks from Thursday 28 November from 3.30pm to support the retailers late night offering and Sundays from 1 December in Walton Street to encourage use of this car park for shopping. Free parking in Friars Square after 3.30pm from 14th November and every Thursday leading up to Christmas.

Pay by phone

You can pay for parking with your mobile phone at most council operated pay and display car parks (the exceptions are Upper Hundreds, Walton Street, Aqua Vale and Swan Pool car parks). Once you've registered for the scheme, payment can be made securely by credit/debit card. You can pre-register for the scheme online at myRingGo.co.uk or by calling 0330 400 7275.

Blue Badge holders

The majority of car parks in Aylesbury are free to Blue Badge holders as long as the vehicle is parked within a marked bay and displaying a valid badge. Disabled badge holders can park in a regular bay free of charge if no disabled bays are available but do not have dispensation to park in the market trader bays or motorcycle bays unless they are using the facilities during the hours of operation.

Blue Badge holders need to pay at Walton Street Multi-Storey Car Park, Hale Street Car Park and the 30-minute bays in the Exchange Street Car Park. For more information please go to aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk/disabled-driversandblue-badge-holders

Shopmobility

Shopmobility is a scheme to allow anyone with a mobility problem, whether temporary or permanent, to get out and about in Aylesbury Town Centre. Manual and powered wheelchairs, scooters and walking aids can be borrowed for free. There are no age restrictions and you don't need to be a blue badge holder. Donations welcome. Shopmobility is situated on the ground floor of the Upper Hundreds Car Park. For more information call 01296 336725 or visit aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk/shopmobility-aylesbury

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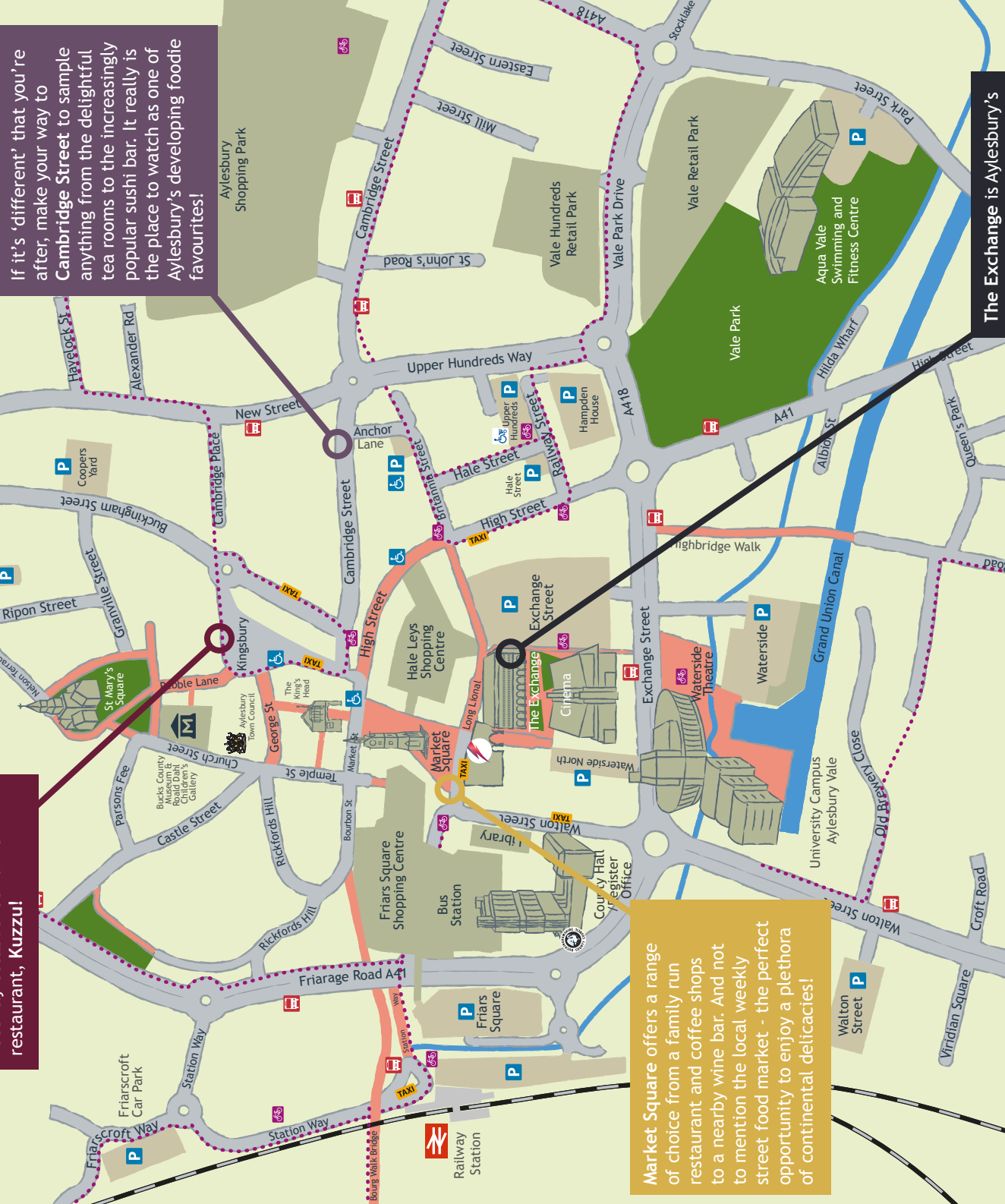
Rediscover dining

With over 60 bars, restaurants and cafés on your doorstep, Aylesbury provides a fantastic variety of choices, by day and night. With a range of toasty places to cosy up in, including Rococo Lounge, Miya and The Grill, well-known restaurants reside alongside independent and speciality eateries offering diverse dining experiences from all across the world.

Whether you want to sit back and relax with friends over a quality meal, need a family-friendly place suitable for all ages or are looking for a quick bite to eat before hitting one of the many local pubs and clubs - there truly is somewhere for every taste and occasion in Aylesbury town centre.

For more information on exactly what Aylesbury has to offer, visit www.visitaylesbury.co.uk/eat-drink/

With a wonderfully diverse blend of restaurants, bars and coffee shops, Kingsbury & Buckingham Street really do offer something for everyone. Look out for the recently established Turkish restaurant, Kuzzul!



Market Square offers a range of choice from a family run restaurant and coffee shops to a nearby wine bar. And not to mention the local weekly street food market - the perfect opportunity to enjoy a plethora of continental delicacies!

If it's 'different' that you're after, make your way to Cambridge Street to sample anything from the delightful tea rooms to the increasingly popular sushi bar. It really is the place to watch as one of Aylesbury's developing foodie favourites!

The Exchange is Aylesbury's latest development, offering an array of dining experiences set within the cultural heart of the town centre, and just a stone's throw from many local attractions.

- Car Park
- Blue Badge parking
- Shopmobility
- Bus Stop
- Taxi Rank
- Cycle Parking
- Earthly Messenger sculpture
- Parks and Lawns
- Pedestrianised Area
- Roads
- Cycle Paths



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