



Coldharbour News

The Coldharbour Parish Council Newsletter

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Summer events

Don't forget to look out for details of forthcoming summer events. See details on page 10.

News from the Clerk

Main Car Park

The parish council are discussing with the Fairford Leys Management Company who own the main car park, to consider making this a "one way" system which would be accessed via the current entrances but which would mean no entry through the Pine Street entrance near the pub. Coming off Coldharbour Way and past the pub (on your left) and gym (on your right) would be a "One Way" only entrance into the main car park.

The main car parking bays will be re-painted to clearly show where you are allowed to park.

Disabled Car Parking – Hampden Square

The parish council supports the decision

that 3 parking bays, in the village centre car park, should be set aside for disabled drivers. The 3 bays in front of the community centre, and nearest to the church, will be set aside for disabled drivers. Three other bays could be used in the future if there is evidence that further bays are required.

Thanks to Retiring Councillor

Coldharbour Parish Council would like to extend their sincere thanks to Nikki Eastwood who stood down as a parish councillor in January. Nikki has been a councillor since May 2013. She was chairman of the Leisure Committee for the last 2 years and together with the Clerk, took responsibility for organising the major community events including, Music, Christmas and Fair in the Square. So thank you Nikki for a job well done and much appreciated.

We currently have a vacancy to replace Nikki. See details below

**Keith Gray
Clerk to Coldharbour Parish Council**

Would you like to be a parish councillor for Fairford Leys?

There is a position available and if you are interested in knowing what a parish councillor does, please contact the Clerk to the Council.

You could also speak to one of the current parish councillors to gain an understanding of the role.

If you are interested – send a letter of application along with a CV. The parish council will consider all applications at their meeting on 2nd March, 2017

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Grounds Maintenance Update

We have been busy while the weather has been wet over the winter period trimming back trees and branches alongside paths around the village.

The salt bins provided by the council were filled recently; please ring the office if the bins are empty and we will endeavour to refill as and when we can. The team are also going out when necessary with our own salt spreader to keep the village moving on frosty mornings.

The winter baskets are up and are starting to show some signs of life as the bulbs inside

are popping up ready for the spring. We have also planted more bulbs around the new benches that were recently installed. I hope that residents enjoy these when they come into bloom.

I have received the yearly ROSPA report and all the parks are in good order and anything flagged up, albeit small will be rectified as a matter of priority.

Finally if you see anything in the village that you feel we could help with, please contact either me or Gareth at the Fairford Leys Centre on 01296 422800.

Steve Webb
Senior Grounds Maintenance Officer



From Your Chairman

Welcome to the February edition of Coldharbour News, I hope you have had a peaceful and happy start to the New Year. We have seen quite a dry and settled start to the year with some very cold weather. Our maintenance team have been out gritting the roads and my thanks as always goes to them for their excellent work. With spring hopefully on the horizon I look forward to seeing the burst of colour, with the many bulbs that are planted across the village it really is a beautiful sight.

Looking forward to the year ahead the council have a busy one, along with all our usual events Fair in the Square and Music in the Square we continue to watch closely events with regards to HS2. As many of you would have experienced the gridlock caused by a burst water main on the Oxford Road this again raises concerns over the knock on effect that HS2 will have on our roads during construction. We are also pushing to finally get the riverine corridor adopted which hopefully will mean that a proper maintenance schedule can be initiated. The council will also be putting forward it's preference for a Unitary Council, as you may be aware Bucks County Council are proposing a single unitary where AVDC are proposing two unitary Councils.

Don't forget if you have any issues or questions for the council you can contact individual councillors or attend our public meetings, they are the first Thursday of the month at 8pm in the Fairford Leys Centre.

Cllr Andrew Cole
Chairman of Coldharbour Parish Council



Call to Serve the Community as a County Councillor

Wednesday January 25th marked 100 days to go before voters in Buckinghamshire go to the polls to elect the county councillors they want to represent them for the coming four years; with preparations for Polling Day on Thursday May 4th already underway Buckinghamshire County Council is challenging residents to consider standing as candidates.

Returning Officer Gillian Quinton said that, providing more than 120 different services for the community, county councillors play a valuable role, listening to residents, speaking up for them in debates and decision-making, and giving them the opportunity to have their say. "Whether it's about providing for our young people, improving services for older people, making the roads better or ensuring that local businesses can thrive, councillors make a big difference to life in the county," says Gillian. "They're pivotal in ensuring public money is spent wisely and making decisions that are best for the county, and in doing so they help to make Buckinghamshire a great place to live and work."

Councillors get a programme of training, IT equipment, regular briefings and professional advice, and are entitled to a set level of allowances.

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Current Members talk about their experiences as county councillors and offer advice at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y8zt3_FcaEk



Results from the Mobile Vehicle Activated Sign on Fairford Leys

Over the years the parish council has had numerous complaints about the perceived speed of vehicles on our local roads. In response to these, in 2013 the council purchased a Mobile Vehicle Activated Sign (MVAS) to monitor the speed of vehicles moving through our village. Three years on, we have been able to assess the results and the following report has been compiled by Cllr Matthew Wilde.

MVAS Report

Having collected the data from all MVAS positions in Fairford Leys I submit this report to not only highlight any issues that exist with regard to speeding, but to also publish other data captured by the MVAS unit.

The MVAS unit has 4 sites throughout Fairford Leys:

1. Coldharbour Way between the A418 roundabout and the Fairford Leys Way roundabout.
2. Coldharbour Way between the Great Meadow Way roundabout and the school roundabout.
3. Arcnott Way between the Brunel Road roundabout and Chelsea Road.
4. Arcnott Way at the Cuckoo Way junction.

Speed

Throughout this report there will be mention of the 85th percentile so I feel that it is worth explaining what this is. The 85th percentile speed is the highest speed that 85% of the vehicles passing are doing. For example, if 100 cars pass the unit and the 85th percentile speed is 40mph, then 85 cars have done between 0 and 40mph and 15 cars have exceeded 40mph.

At these four sites the MVAS unit registers the total amount of vehicles that pass, the 85th percentile speed of those vehicles and the fastest speed recorded and what time the vehicles pass. The MVAS unit is primarily used to determine speed and the 85th percentile for each position is as follows, the MVAS records in 2 directions:

1. Coldharbour Way - 43mph towards A418 roundabout, 39.9mph towards Fairford Leys Way roundabout.
2. Coldharbour Way - 39.3mph towards Great Meadow Way roundabout, 36.5mph towards the School roundabout.
3. Arcnott Way - 35.5mph towards Chelsea Road, 32.1mph toward Brunel Way roundabout.
4. Arcnott Way - 23.9mph, this only records in one direction.

Positions 1 and 2 on Coldharbour Way both have a 40mph limit and positions 3 and 4 on Arcnott Way both have a 30mph limit.

The maximum speed recorded at each position is as follows (this may not be as accurate as the 85th percentile data as it can be corrupted more easily by weather etc.):

1. Coldharbour Way - 90mph towards A418 roundabout.
2. Coldharbour Way - 80mph towards the Great Meadow Way roundabout.

3. Arcnott Way - 70mph towards Chelsea Road.
4. Arcnott Way - 40mph.

Summary

According to the 85th percentile data vehicles passing sites 1, 2 and 4 are following the speed limit well.

The 85th percentile is only 3mph over the limit on only one site in one direction with around 7000 vehicles a day. This is good news for our village and with a little more care by the few who exceed the speed limits our roads should remain relatively safe.

Site 3 has more of a problem with an 85th percentile speed 5.5mph over the limit in one direction and 2.1mph in the other, the only site to have excess speed in both directions. Police speed checks on this road have concluded that nearly all the drivers exceeding the 40mph are Fairford Leys Residents. We will continue to push for a zero tolerance to speeding vehicles and encourage as much police presence as possible to issue tickets.

The data will be examined in detail at the next parish council meeting to discuss, what if anything can be done to reduce the number of vehicles exceeding the speed limits – look out for updates in future newsletters.



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Christmas in the Square

Christmas in the Square this year included a new venture for Fairford Leys. All the usual attractions were there, including carol singing with the Aylesbury Concert Band, Father Christmas arriving on his sleigh and mulled wine and mince pies served by the ladies from the WI. However this year there was a large marquee where many and various stalls were set out offering a wide range of Christmas goodies for sale in a festive atmosphere. There were also 2 of Santa's reindeer to be admired.

Sadly the weather was not to kind but the rain did not deter visitors and more people than ever thronged the square.

A big thankyou must be said to all those involved in this event with special thanks to Nikki Eastwood and Keith Gray for the overall organisation, to Andy Barnett and the centre team and to Steve Webb and the Maintenance Team. Father Christmas also deserves a special mention and of course his elves who were volunteers from the Co-op.

Cllr Sally Pattinson

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Fairford Leys Centre News



Firstly a Happy New Year to all, let's hope it is a prosperous and happy one.

The centre continues to offer a wide range of classes and events. For those early risers amongst you we now have a new Zumba class between 9.00 and 10.00 on Sunday mornings. We have a range of regular classes for young children featuring Martial Arts, Tennis and Rugby. On Monday mornings at 10.30 is the ever popular simply walk group offering a short and a longer walk followed by hot drink and a chat at the centre.

Hall Hire

Since the pre-school closed last year, I am pleased to say that we have been able to fill some of the gaps, but we do still have availability for additional hirers in the daytime particularly on Mondays and Thursdays. So if you or someone you know runs a children's group or an exercise class or if you are planning a birthday party for a pre-school

Current Class Timetables

Day	Ernest Cook Hall	Coldharbour Hall
Monday	09.00 – 12.00 Weanie Beans Soft Play (WEF April 17) 13.00 – 15.30 Available for Hire 16.00 – 17.00 Fergie's Fitness 18.45 – 19.45 Fergie's Fitness 20.00 – 21.30 Hatha Yoga	09.30 – 16.45 Available for Hire 16.30 – 17.30 Premier Sports Futsal (4-6 Yrs) 17.30 – 18.30 Premier Sports Futsal (7-10Yrs) 18.30 – 20.30 Black Dragon Karate
Tuesday	09.30 – 12.00 NHS Diabetes Education 16.00 – 18.10 Claydons Dance Academy 18.30 – 20.00 Gentle & Therapeutic Yoga	09.45 – 10.30 Baby Friendly Post-Natal Pilates 11.00 – 12.00 Badminton (Private) 15.00 – 18.10 Claydons Dance Academy 19.00 – 21.00 Slimming World
Wednesday	09.30 – 11.30 Busy Bees Parent & Toddler Drop-in 15.00 – 16.45 Claydons Dance Academy 17.15 – 18.15 Weight Watchers 18.30 – 21.00 Seido Karate	10.00 – 11.30 JBD Fitness 12.00 – 14.30 Available for Hire 15.00 – 18.00 Claydons Dance Academy Cheerleading 18.15 – 19.15 Available for Hire 19.30 – 21.45 JBD Fitness
Thursday	9.00 - 15.30 Available for Hire 19.15 – 22.00 WI (3rd Thursday Only) 19.00 Parish Council Meeting (1st Thursday only)	10.00 – 11.30 JBD Fitness 11.30 – 15.30 Available for Hire 16.00 – 17.00 Little Dragons (ZKS) 17.00 – 20.00 Childrens Martial Arts (ZKS)
Friday	09.30 – 12.30 Weenie Beans Soft Play 13.00 – 16.00 Available for Hire 18.00 – 21.00 Youth Club	09.45 – 10.30 Tiny Tots Football 13.30 – 16.00 50+ Friendship group 18.00 – 21.00 Youth Club
Saturday	11.15 – 13.15 Black Dragon Karate	09.00 – 13.00 Tots Tennis
Sunday	9.00 – 10.00 Zumba	09.00 – 13.00 Tots Rugby

child please give us a call and we will be pleased to help if we can.

Entertainment

In this year's diary we already have in a **90's Disco** and a **Halloween Disco** organised by Dan Blaze. On April 13th, we will be holding a **Film Night for children** – see details on page 4.

Special Events

On the 1st April we have an event being run by the Creation Station – craft activities for children; for more information please contact emma@creationstation.

Additionally on Sunday 12th March between 2:30 and 4:30 we are hosting a pre-loved goods sale if you would like to book a table or for more information please contact flpreloved@yahoo.com.

Summer Dance School

For those who like to plan early Calydon's dance and drama academy are holding a week long summer school for children aged 7 and over from the 24th-28th July; for more information contact Sharon on 07702 063900.

All our current classes are shown on the centre timetable and if you would like more information please do not hesitate to contact me using the details below.

The centre continues to offer hot drinks at £1.00 per mug for tea or coffee for those attending classes or just dropping in..

Andy Barnett

Fairford Leys Centre Manager

Contact: andy@fairfordleyscentre.org.uk or on 01296 422800

Remembrance Service 2016

As usual, this act of remembrance organised by the parish council and the Church on Fairford Leys was well supported by residents from Fairford Leys. The short service was led by Revd. Anthony Howells and wreaths were laid by Cllr. Andrew Cole, Chairman of Coldharbour Parish Council, Steven Lambert on behalf of AVDC and representatives of the local community. There was a chance to meet for refreshments afterwards in the Fairford Leys Centre.



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The Church on Fairford Leys

Happy New Year

I am writing this on New Year's Eve. Not 31st December 2016, but 27th January 2017, because 28th January sees the start of the Chinese Year of the Cockerel. You can find all sorts of ideas online about the prospects for people born in this year, or in this part of the 12-year cycle of Chinese animals.

What makes us who we are? How much are we born with, and how much do we learn as we grow? And how much can we control? Is it all 'written in the stars' (or animal sign) ahead of time?

As we enter 2017, you will probably have thoughts about things you would like to do. Some might be entirely within your control; others might depend on circumstances or the co-operation of other people. And there will be things that seem to come out of nowhere, and take us completely by surprise. When things don't go as planned we might blame it on some quirk of fate, but more likely we will feel disappointed and frustrated with ourselves.

The apostle Peter thought he was in charge of his own future.

He was confident that he would be a loyal follower of Jesus and never betray him. But on that night on the way to the garden of Gethsemane, Jesus had some troubling news for him. His inner fears and anxiety would get the better of him, and he would act against his strongest wishes. He would deny Jesus three times before the Cockerel crowed twice. He must have felt like many of us, not quite able to believe his actions. But the end of that story is that, after Easter, Jesus meets him again and rebuilds his confidence and hope.

So whether or not you were born in the year of the Cockerel, the Biblical message is that we will all get it wrong sometimes, despite our best efforts, but that does not need to define who we are. 2017 offers plenty of possibilities for starting again, having another go, and hearing God encourage us to become the best we can. Not because of the random date of our birth, but because of his certain love and concern for us.

**Revd Anthony -
The Church on Fairford Leys**

Services during the week

Tuesday of Holy Week 11th April
Tenebrae Service 7pm
A quiet re-telling of the story of Jesus' path to the cross.

Maundy Thursday 13th April
Passover Meal 6pm
Follow the traditions that Jesus and the disciples would have shared.

Good Friday 14th April
10am-12noon
A morning of Easter craft activities, including a short pause for thought.
7pm
A service of reflection and meditation.

Easter Sunday 16th April
'From Tragedy to Triumph'
Easter Family Communion 10.30am
Bring a flower or two to decorate the cross.



Village News

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Fairford Leys Allotment Competition Saturday 24th June

Once again this year we will be organizing a competition to choose the best kept allotments in Fairford Leys. A group of 3 judges will visit all allotments and prizes will be presented to the top 3 at Fair in the Square; plenty of time to bring your allotment up to scratch in time for the competition.



Fair in the Square Saturday 8th July 1pm to 6 pm

Fair in the Square has become very well-known through the years and people come from Fairford Leys and beyond for what has become one of the big summer attractions in the area. This year will be no exception, all the old favourites will be there and maybe a surprise or two. So come along with the family to enjoy a fun filled afternoon.



Stall Holders

If you would like to have a stall at the fair, please contact the Fairford Leys Centre on 01296 422800 to book your space.

Fairford Leys Dog Show Saturday 8th July at 2pm

Emily Ladyman has agreed to organize this popular event again this year. More details will be available in the June edition of Coldharbour News. In the meantime, if you are a dog lover and would like to help Emily with the dog show, please contact the Fairford Leys Centre on 01296 422800



Music in the Square Saturday 9th September

JBD Fitness and Dance have had a busy start to their year!

JBD Fitness and Dance have been holding classes at the Fairford Leys Centre for the past 9 years; (previously known as Rosemary Conley classes) we have now added classes at the Church on Fairford Leys due to the increasing demand for classes at the centre. We have classes on Monday, Wednesday and Thursdays and our classes range from Fitness Pilates, Kettle bells, Box Fit, HiiTs, Aerobics, Dance Fitness and BrainFit.

JBD Fitness and Dance also love to support community and charity events, we will be leading the Midnight walk and we will be doing some demonstrations at the annual Fairford Leys Fair in the Square. Some of our members are also taking part in the Stroke Association 5k run to raise money for this fabulous charity which is currently very close to our hearts.

JBD and now offer first wedding dance choreography and hen party packages, Joanna says "we have worked with many local couples and brides to be, to add an extra special touch to their wedding day".

For more information about any of our classes, courses or offers, email: Joanna.beardsmore-dilks@outlook.com or call 01296 485933.



s and Events

New Drop in Softplay and Coffee Shop in Fairford Leys

Weeniebeans is a playroom with coffee shop, for 0 to 3 year olds, which is held every Friday morning (term time) from 9:30am – 11:30am at the Fairford Leys Centre.

Weeniebeans welcomes all mums, dads, grandparents and childminders, of newborns to 3 year olds in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere. It is a drop in session where you can meet friends, make new friends or just get out of the house for two hours every Friday morning. Based at Fairford Leys Centre there are all the facilities to make life easy with little ones, including, lots of parking, high chairs and baby changing. The coffee shop serves good quality food and drink and the soft play is designed with babies, early walkers and toddlers in mind - it is low level, clean and safe.

Since their first session in September 2016, the playroom was an immediate hit and is now going from strength to strength. There are plans to open more playroom sessions, as well as growing their softplay hire and party planning services.

Weeniebeans is owned and managed by Caroline Clark and Solveig Rosenwink, who met at a postnatal group with their eldest children. They often talked about setting up the perfect group for little ones, "We had so many ideas that as soon as the opportunity to start a playgroup in Fairford Leys came up, we jumped at the chance," said Solveig Rosenwink. "We only wish we'd had something like this when we first became parents!" said Caroline Clark.

For further information please contact:

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Mrs. Solveig Rosenwink – Owner and Partner M: 07796683206

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Website: www.weeniebeans.co.uk

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Music man Jon finds himself a hit during his weekly beat at Headway

Brain injury survivors are flocking to sessions with music therapist Jon Dainty who has made Headway Aylesbury Vale part of his weekly beat.

The one-to-one music get-togethers on Wednesdays have quickly become one of the most popular attractions at the charity in Fairford Leys, and there are strong indications that Jon's work is making a big difference, and is helping to improve the condition of some survivors, who suffer from Acquired Brain Injury (ABI).

Headway Manager Karen Styles explained: "We have a man who doesn't use his left hand well due to the injury to his brain after a fall at his home, but thanks to the music therapy, he is now beginning to use it a lot more. We believe it is a case of his neural pathways sparking back to life as a result of using this hand to play the piano. These sessions are proving hugely popular and have grown in the last two years. They really do benefit our clients and we are delighted with the progress many have made through music. I hope more people will hear about them and come to Headway to benefit from what Jon is offering."

Jon, 33, from Aylesbury who graduated with an MA in music therapy from the University of West England, brings along a keyboard, synthesiser, guitar, xylophone and various percussion instruments. The music can range from Mozart to Little Mix. Jon allows the client to dictate what they want to do, and this could include playing an instrument, singing or composing a poem to music.

"I am here for them and with them with whatever they want to bring in to the sessions," he said.

Jon's work was praised by the wife of the brain injury survivor whose hand has improved as a result of the therapy. She said: "These sessions have made a really big difference. His left hand has improved as a result of him playing the piano and coming here. He loves it here and is a different person when he comes to Headway."



**Steve Cohen
for Headway Aylesbury Vale**

Hampden Veterinary Hospital

Canine Vector-Borne Disease (CVBD)

Vector-borne diseases are transmitted by the bite of infected arthropod species such as ticks, mosquitoes and sand flies. As these species are cold-blooded, their distribution has previously been limited by climatic conditions. However with the increased transportation of pets under the Pet Travel Scheme, people obtaining rescue dogs from abroad and changes in climate, their area of distribution has increased. The Pet Travel Scheme replaced quarantine in February 2000 but its primary role of protecting human health (rather than animal health) has remained the same. This was emphasized with the discontinuation of the re-entry requirement for tick treatment, whilst the regulations to prevent Rabies and Echinococcus tapeworm remained in place.

A small but significant number of cases of vector-borne disease have been reported in pets that have not been abroad or even in contact with pets that have travelled outside the UK. The implication is that the vectors of these diseases may already be able to survive for periods in the UK. Ixodes is our most common indigenous tick species and the host for Lyme disease. However there are established pockets of the Meadow Tick (Dermacentor) and occasional identifications of the Brown Dog Tick (Rhipicephalus) which are the vectors for Canine Ehrlichiosis and Babesiosis respectively.

Although pets travelling abroad are exposed to the greatest risk of CVBD, those which have not travelled are still at risk, albeit much lower. These "exotic" diseases

include Babesiosis and Ehrlichiosis (transmitted by ticks), Leishmaniasis (transmitted by sand flies) and Heartworm (transmitted by mosquitoes). They are potentially fatal and in the case of Leishmaniasis, can be transmitted to people. Infected pets can be treated although the diagnosis can be difficult, compounded by their infrequent occurrence in the UK and the possibility of infection by more than one organism simultaneously. The time between infection and clinical signs of illness can be many months as is the case with Leishmaniasis.

Ehrlichiosis can be transmitted within 3 hours of tick attachment but other infections can take 2-3 days. Through targeting the vectors of disease, it is possible to minimize the risk of infection and this is particularly important when pets travel abroad. There are a variety of products licensed for this purpose including repellent collars and topical preparations which are available through your veterinary surgery. Manually removing any ticks from your dog as soon as they are detected will also reduce the risk of contracting diseases carried by them. The correct way of doing this is with a "tick hook" which is designed for the purpose. Other popular methods of tick removal can stress the tick causing it to regurgitate stomach contents via the feeding attachment site and this accelerates the transmission of any infections which it is carrying.

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Certificate of Appreciation to Mrs Diane Nolan

At the November meeting of Coldharbour Parish Council, Mrs Diane Nolan, retiring president of Fairford Leys WI was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation by Coldharbour Parish Council Presenting the award, Chairman of the Council, Cllr Andrew Cole, thanked Diane for her for her work, commitment and dedication to the Fairford Leys Branch of the Womens Institute and for her contribution to the Fairford Leys community. Mrs Nolan also received flowers presented by the Vice-Chairman, Cllr Sally Pattinson.

Mrs Nolan thanked the council and explained that when she moved to Fairford Leys 16 years ago, she did not know anyone. She therefore decided together with Janice Kay to start a WI branch



for Fairford Leys. Diane was elected President and Janice Secretary and the two worked together as a team to make the group the success it is today. Sadly Janice passed away in 2015 but her hard work will always be remembered. The first meetings were held in a temporary building before the opening of the Fairford Leys Centre.

The WI have been always worked closely with the parish council and provided a presence at community events including Christmas and Fair in the Square and always lay a wreath at the annual Service of Remembrance. We welcome Jane Rice who has taken over the role of president and look forward to the continued support from the WI for years to come.

Cllr Sally Pattinson
Editor

From New President Jane Rice



Fairford Leys WI has had a very busy few months with a very successful Fair in the Square back in the summer, a great day was had by all and the weather was very good. We had a party to celebrate the Queens 90th birthday and a Macmillan coffee morning in the church back in September which raised nearly £600. Home-made cakes and a chat are, always a good combination.

In October we had our annual meeting where Diane Nolan decided to step down as President of our WI. Diane has been the President for the last 14 years and seen the WI grow from strength to strength. The first meeting were in a portacabin and now we fill the biggest of the rooms in the Fairford Leys Centre.

In October I took over as President and I'm now faced with the daunting task of filling Diane's shoes. I moved to Fairford Leys 5 years ago with my husband and dog on the recommendation of a friend, we haven't looked back. Fairford Leys has such a great sense of community and is a lovely place to live.

Once again the Christmas in the Square was a huge success despite the appalling weather and we were very busy supplying everyone with mulled wine and mince pies. The event was even bigger this year and Father Christmas even brought his reindeer.

At our WI Christmas party we were entertained by the Launton Bell Ringers which was very festive. Our members brought along beautifully wrapped gifts for the Salvation Army to distribute to the homeless and those in need.

The highlight in January was our speaker who was a quarter finalist from the Great British Bake off, she did a demonstration and chatted about her time in the tent and told us some very funny stories. We also got to taste some of her delicious bakes.

If you want to come along and see for yourself what we do at your local WI feel free, we'd love to see you.

Jane Rice
President of Fairford Leys WI.



Bearbrook Pre-School



An inspection of Bearbrook Pre-school for children aged between 2 years old and 4 years old was undertaken by Ofsted on 1st November 2016. The inspection was very rigorous and judged our Pre-school as an outstanding pre-school. This highly successful outcome recognised the hard work, progress and improvements that have been made since the last inspection. The inspection report was full of positive comments about the school's work and the improvements that have been made under the leadership of Shahara and Jane and their dedicated team of staff.

We were thrilled that the strengths within Bearbrook Pre-school were recognised and these were:

- Children make excellent progress in their learning.
- Staff place children's welfare at the centre of our work.
- The management team has developed outstanding relationships with external agencies and partners to offer children the highest quality support and care.
- We are acutely aware of the needs of families within the local community and works in close partnership with parents to provide the best possible start for children.
- Staff consistently demonstrate first-rate teaching skills.

Our aspiration is to build on our many strengths and to still strive to improve! We have already mapped out the journey we need to make to achieve this. This very strong inspection report highlights another very strong year of improvements at Bearbrook.

The support of our parents/carers has been highly valued and we are confident they will continue to support us as we improve further. A special thank you to your children who are great ambassadors for the school and who have been central to these very positive outcomes.

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St Mary's CE Combined School Nursery

Our new Nursery Class is located in the Early Years building at St Mary's CE Combined School and led by our Assistant Headteacher and Early Years leader Mrs Tracy Long.

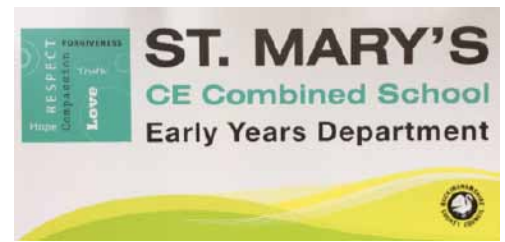
A hands-on curriculum tailored to the children's needs and interests in a purpose built and well-resourced learning environment.

Visits to the Nursery are welcome.

We are accepting applications for funded places for April 2017 and September 2017. We also offer afternoon sessions on a more flexible basis for children starting school in September.

Morning Sessions: 8:30am-11:30am Afternoon Sessions: 12:30pm-3:30pm

Applications from the school office (01296 482094) or website: <https://www.st-mary-bucks.eschools.co.uk>



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Aylesbury Waterside Theatre

Musical Madness & the chance for young theatre fans to SHINE!

The sun's not the only thing set to shine this summer, the Vale's local talent will be too! The Waterside is embarking on its first **Stage Experience** culminating in a production of **Oliver!** for young people, working with professional theatre company Vivo D'Arte and in association with Aylesbury Vale District Council. If you're aged 7 – 23 and would do anything for your chance to perform on the prestigious local stage – now's your chance. Fancy being Nancy? Psyched to play Sikes? Always been an artful dodger...?! Get involved! Auditions are set to take place on Sun 12 and **Sun 19 Mar 2017**. For more information email auditions@vivodarte.co.uk or alternatively visit: www.vivodarte.co.uk

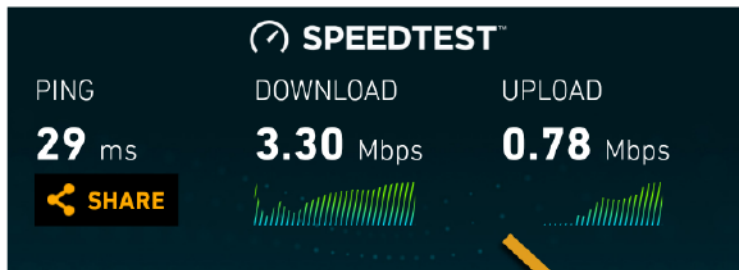
Fans of musicals rejoice as some of the most uplifting shows are on the horizon with **Dreamboats and Petticoats**, Mon 20 – Sat 25 Feb and before **Buddy; The Story of Buddy Holly** - a multi-award-winning show with phenomenally talented actors and musicians, Tue 7 – Sat 11 Mar. Strictly fans will not want to miss 2016's professional dance winner Joanne Clifton tap on to the stage in madcap dance spectacular **Thoroughly Modern Millie**, Mon 27 Mar – Sat 1 Apr and lovers of one of cinema's biggest all-time hits, grab your tissues for the theatrical production of **Ghost The Musical** starring West End performer Carolyn Maitland and Hollyoaks' Andy Moss.

Spring 2017 at Aylesbury Waterside Theatre:

- Someone Like You – The Adele Songbook Wed 1 Mar
- Macca Thu 2 Mar
- Mr Bloom's Nursery Sat 4 Mar
- William Shakespeare's Long Lost First Play (abridged) Mon 13 Mar
- One Night in Nashville Thu 16 Mar
- The ELO Experience Sat 18 Mar
- The Matt Monro Story Tue 21 Mar
- Halfway to Paradise: The Billy Fury Story Wed 22 Mar
- Lee Nelson – Serious Joker Sun 26 Mar

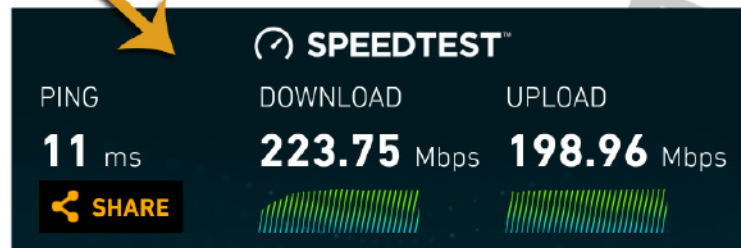


Internet Solution for Fairford Leys



Current ISP

Rapid Rural



Fairford Leys had its share of internet not-spots, with BT having failed to roll out fibre to the all of its cabinets in the past years. Connected Counties, a scheme supported by Herts and Bucks, is yet to receive an update from BT on a new confirmed timescale for their rollout across the rest of Fairford Leys, but the village could be at least a year away from seeing any improvement.

Tired of waiting on BT or Connected Counties to act, a resident by the name of Alex has been working for over a year to find an alternative solution to get households online, and he found it in Rapid Rural. This solution uses a wireless signal, delivered by an internet company that has provided similar installations for nearby areas such as North Marston and Oving, and soon across Fairford Leys.

The internet solution is simple; no copper, no fibre, not even a phone line - all that is required is a small satellite dish (about half the size of a Sky dish) on the roof, directed to the internet antenna at the outskirts of Fairford Leys, and within a few hours you are online. At £35 a month, for a 30-day rolling contract, and speeds above 100Mb/s, this will be a godsend to many of the residents currently experiencing less than a tenth of that kind of speed.

There is a catch, however: the installation costs are around £260, making this solution potentially less palatable than current online providers. "Unfortunately, Rapid Rural is not as large as the likes of Sky or similar, so they cannot front these kinds of costs, especially not with only a 1 month rolling contract", Alex explains. "What they are doing is providing an infrastructure that enables residents and local businesses to make use of high-speed internet, something the likes of BT and others should have been providing to all of Fairford Leys years ago."

Alex continues: "We are in the process of getting this internet solution rolled out to the first 30 households in the coming weeks, and hopefully word-of-mouth will enable Rapid Rural to not only provide more households with high-speed internet, they will also be able to invest more into this, increasing bandwidth and expanding it beyond Fairford Leys. As a local business, this is huge, for the company and for everyone suffering from low-speed internet. Obviously, if you are already on fibre or cable, then that internet solution might not be for you, but those who have no other option than relying on BT to

complete their own rollout, then come and get in touch, and we can see what we can do."

For more information, Alex is available to discuss the scheme after every Parish Council meeting, usually the first Thursday of every month, but please check the parish notice board for up to date information, or the Fairford Leys Community Facebook page.



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Appeal for Contributions

In the February edition of Coldharbour News last year, I asked for contributions for the Newsletter, and as I received nothing, I make no apology for repeating my appeal. The newsletter is produced three times a year to keep residents up to date with what Coldharbour Parish Council are doing on behalf of residents and businesses. However it also a communication tool for residents. It offers free publicity to anyone who is organising a charity event, starting up a new venture or class on Fairford Leys etc.; it is also a tool for local advertising. Remember, this newsletter goes through every door on Fairford Leys and is available free to anyone who uses the Fairford Leys Centre.

So if you have something interesting to share with other residents, be it a charity, an unusual hobby, a brilliant photograph of Fairford Leys, a spectacular holiday, a beautiful garden, an outstanding achievement, a social group etc., then please contact me on 01296 331822 or email sally@buskrigg.co.uk. This does not cost you anything. Also if you have a small business to promote, have a look at the advertising rates inside the front cover of this edition. This is an easy way at a very reasonable cost to reach over 2,500 people in their own homes. Advertising for charities is free. For full details please call Andy Barnett on 01296 422800 or email andy@fairfordleyscentre.org.uk.

Remember, this newsletter is produced by the parish council for the residents, but it is also your newsletter, so please consider sending us something to help to fill the next edition.

Clr. Sally Pattinson Editor



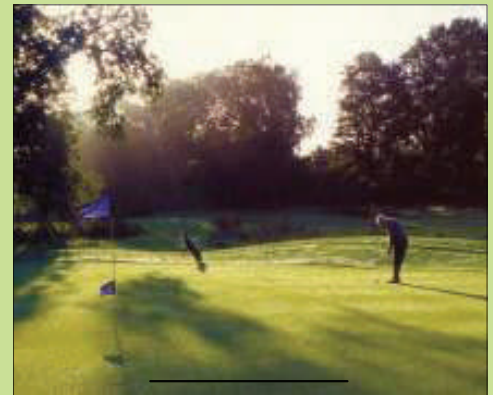
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The Aylesbury Vale Neighbourhood Policing Teams are reminding residents not to give opportunist criminals easy access to your vehicle in cold weather.

It is tempting to start your vehicle and leave it unattended while it is defrosting. When it is cold outside it might seem attractive to wait in the warm, maybe while you finish your breakfast, drink your coffee or pick up forgotten items before heading to work.

This can be the ideal time for thieves to steal your vehicle (which at this point is nicely defrosted). It only takes a moment and the first you might know about it is when you leave for work or the school run and discover your car is gone.

Even if you have locked your car it only takes seconds for someone to break a window and get in. It is also highly unlikely that your insurance company would pay out under these circumstances.

Be on your guard if you pop back into the house. Don't leave doors insecure while you pick up last minute items and don't leave vehicle keys where they could easily be picked up by someone reaching inside the door.

If you see anyone acting suspiciously around parked vehicles please call in through to the police on the 24 hour number 101. If you suspect a crime is actually happening at that moment please dial on 999.



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Dates for the next full council meetings

Meetings are held at the Fairford Leys Centre at 8pm. Everyone is welcome but please check the Parish Notice Board or the website to ensure that no last minute changes have been made.

- Thursday 2nd March
- Thursday 4th May
- Thursday 6th April
- Thursday 1st June

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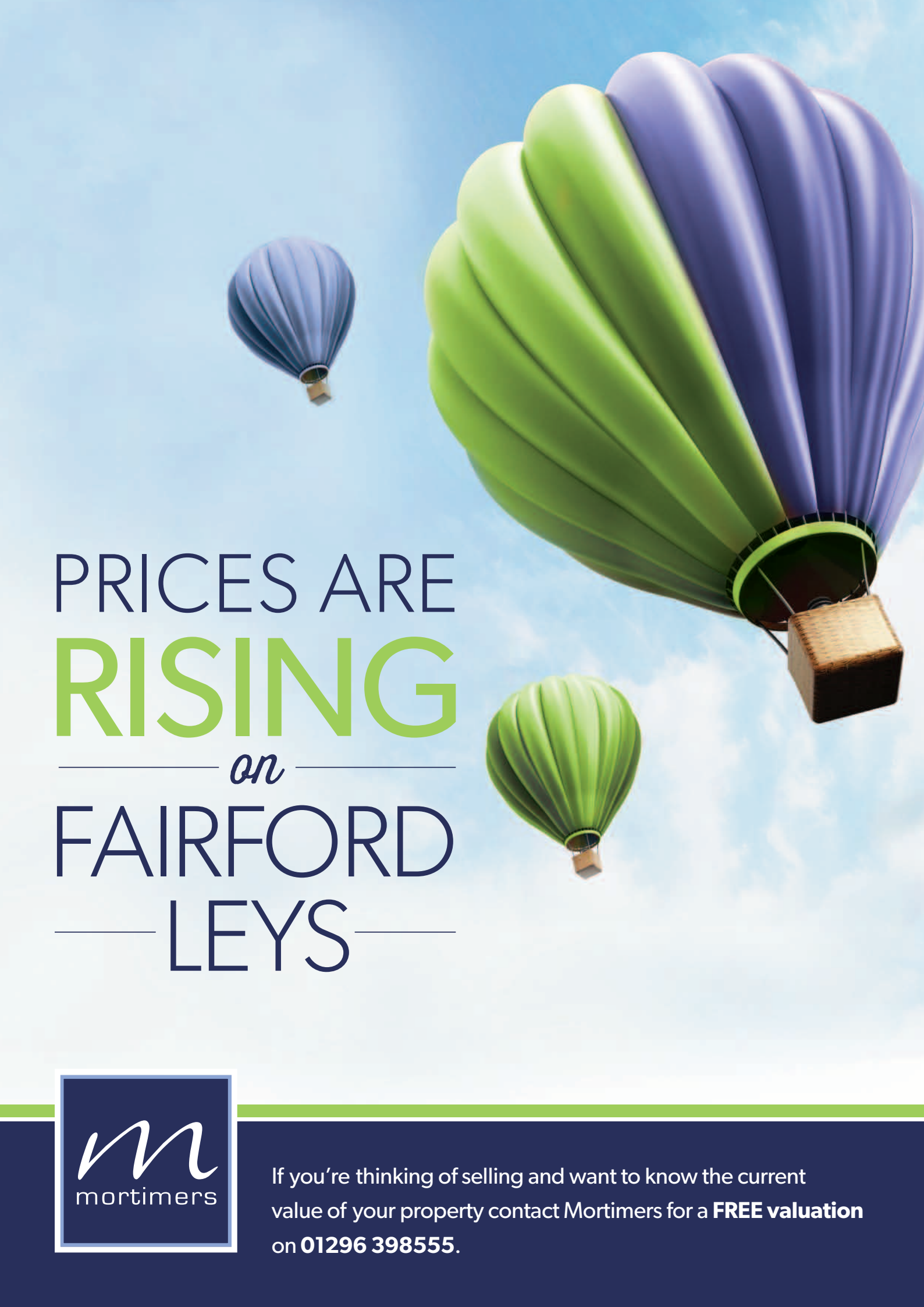
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