

FAIR IN THE SQUARE

Saturday 8th July 1pm to 6pm

All the usual attractions including:-

- *Exciting fairground rides for all*
- *Aylesbury Community Band*
- *Many and varied stalls*
- *Licensed bar run by your councillors*

See details of Music in the Square on back page



Coldharbour Parish News

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New Vice Chairman and new Councillor

We are pleased to announce that at our May Meeting, Cllr Andrew Cole was re-elected as Chairman of Coldharbour Parish Council and Cllr Sarah Walland as Vice Chairman. We also welcomed new Coldharbour Parish Councillor Carl Harvey.

Parish Council Contact details

There has been a settlement on Fairford Leys since Saxon times. In the grounds of the school you can see Saxon burial mounds. The name of the area is Coldharbour which is the reason for the name of Coldharbour Parish Council

People often ask how to contact the parish council. There are various ways to do this

1. Telephone – 01296 422800. This is the number for the Fairford Leys Centre, which is also the office of the parish council. Here you can leave a message for Keith Gray, clerk to the council, for parish councillors and for Steve Webb Grounds Maintenance Manager, who will all call you back as soon as possible. You can also make enquiries about activities at the centre or make bookings of the halls.

2. Email – You can also email the clerk Mr Keith Gray – keith.gray6@btopenworld.com or the Fairford Leys Centre -- andy@fairfordleyscentre.org.uk

3. Parish Council website – www.coldharbour-pc.gov.uk. The website is regularly updated and as well as contact details also gives dates agendas and minutes of council meetings as well as advance notification of Fairford Leys Community events. There are also back copies of Coldharbour News, a map of Fairford Leys, details of groups and classed at the Fairford Leys Centre and much more. It can also connect you to our Facebook page.

4. Coldharbour Parish Council Facebook Page. Did you know that there is also a council Facebook page? This gives advice as to who to contact for various reasons. Again there promotions for upcoming events such as Fair in the Square and Music in the Square.

We hope you find this useful and look forward to hearing from you.

Congratulations to the following:-

1. The Fairford Leys Community Knit and Natter group who have knitted 'Mountains' of woolly items in aid of various charities. We say very well done to them. See their article on page 11.
2. Elite Flowers who have just celebrated their first successful year. From their wonderful floral displays, to a simple bouquet of flowers, they have provided a very welcome addition to our village.
3. Raj Paranthaban at Salt and Vinegar for opening a friendly bar to enjoy drinks, with or without food; another welcome addition to our village.

Please let us know of anyone else you think has made a welcome contribution to Fairford Leys.

Goodbye and Thank You

After serving as a councillor for Coldharbour Parish Council for the last 18 years, I will be standing down at the end of May. I have very much enjoyed my years on the council, and hope that I have in some small way helped the community of Fairford Leys. This will be the last edition of Coldharbour News that I will produce and I would like to thank each and every one of my regular contributors for your continued support. I hope that you have enjoyed reading it over the years.

Sally Pattinson

Councils Annual Report - May 2023



Presented by the Chairman of the Council

It has been a busy but welcome year for the Parish Council, I say welcome, as we returned to putting on our community events which I know I have missed and judging by the numerous comments from residents they have missed too. We were blessed with fair weather at all our events and as always, they were well supported. July saw Fair in the Square back and as busy as ever, and Music in the Square in September was one of the best.

We celebrated the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in June with 'The Big Lunch' event in the square. This was supposed to be just a picnic and gathering to celebrate our Monarch's amazing reign but turned in to a wonderful community celebration with music and dancing well into the afternoon. This event was made even more special as in September it was my solemn duty to read 'The Proclamation of Sovereignty' following the sad passing of our late Monarch Queen Elizabeth II. This is an incredibly old tradition that dates back hundreds of years to announce the passing of the current Monarch and the statement of a new one. Around 50 residents attended the Proclamation, which had only been announced that it would be made that morning.

In August I had the pleasure of opening the new outdoor Gym which replaced the old play area on Brimmers Way. Present with me to cut the ribbon were Cllr Susan Morgan (Vice Chair of Aylesbury Community Board), Cllr Adam Poland-Goodyer (who had secured the grant funding for the project), Freeman of the Parish Cllr Steven Lambert, Cllr Sarah Walland, Amy Jenner (Aylesbury Community Board) and Isabella Greenfield (HS2) who had refurbished the fencing. The park has been well used and marks the start of our ongoing play area works.

We also held our remembrance service and wreath laying ceremony on Remembrance Sunday and Christmas

in the Square was amazing. The lights and the Christmas tree make the square look wonderful and my thanks as always go to our Maintenance Team who really work so hard to make it magical.

I have also had the pleasure of representing the Council and residents at several of the Aylesbury Town Mayor's events, this included the Mayor making ceremony in May and the Civic and Christmas services held at St Mary's Church. Coldharbour Parish Council has a wonderful working relationship with Aylesbury Town Council, and I am always proud to put on the Chain of Office and champion our brilliant community.

In between all the social and community events the council has also been hard at work on matters that directly affect our village. We continue to meet monthly with HS2 and their contractors discussing and questioning whenever possible their works and impacts on us and the surrounding areas. This has been heavily focused on flood modelling and the impact the project will have on our flood defenses and local wildlife. As well as the ongoing issues with traffic congestion caused by the increase in HGVs on our roads, our councilors have challenged site traffic deviating from the agreed routes and using Fairford Leys as a cut through.

As well as meeting with HS2 monthly, in December myself, Cllr Poland, Cllr James, Cllr Lloyd (Leader Aylesbury Town Council) and Guy Grieves (Ernest Cook Trust) were taken on a site visit of the works from Stoke Mandeville to just passed Fairford Leys towards the A41. Whilst it is still devastating to see the damage that HS2 is doing to our wonderful countryside, the engineering feats are impressive. We made sure to inspect the two ancient Oak trees that had been saved and inspected where the train line will pass under the A413.



Chairman's Message

I was delighted to be re-elected to serve as Chairman for the next 12 months at the May's Council Meeting. I can't believe this year has gone so quickly.

As always we start looking forward to our summer events and there is a lot of organising behind the scenes to be done. Fair in the Square returns on Saturday the 8th of July, Music in the Square is back on the 2nd of September and promises to be another great evening of live music. With 3 bands our Guest compère and BBQ and Bar be sure to put both these free community events in your diary.

As a council we continue to meet with HS2 and hold them to account, we have been particularly concerned with flood risks and traffic on non-designated routes. You can read the Councils Annual report in this edition to find out more on what the Council has been up to.

I would also like to welcome to the council Cllr Harvey who I'm sure will be a valued member of the Parish Council.

Don't forget the Parish Council meets every first Thursday at 8pm (excluding August). The meetings are open to the public and are a great way to find out what is going on where you live. It is also your chance to ask questions of the Parish Council and raise concerns.

Councillor Andrew Cole – Chairman of Coldharbour Parish Council

Dates for the next full council meetings

Meetings are held at the Fairford Leys Centre at 8pm on the first Thursday of every month, but please check on the Parish Notice Board to ensure that no last minute changes have been made. www.coldharbour-pc.gov.uk

There is no meeting in August.

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We are also using our Facebook Page to encourage residents to respond to consultations that affect the village and make sure their voices are heard. This has included the proposed new double yellow lines around Arcott Way and the School as well as the current consultation on the 5G mast proposed at the entrance of Fairford Leys Way.

The Parish Council continues to meet every first Thursday at 8pm in the Community Centre to deal with monthly business such as Planning Applications, Riverine Corridor Adoption, and questions from the residents. The parish council is the elected body to represent all residents in Fairford Leys and we are constant in our endeavors to make sure that other stakeholders do not make decisions that negatively affect Fairford Leys. We work closely with Buckinghamshire Council as well as any others who have an impact on our community. We rely on residents to keep us informed and updated on matters that are important to enable Fairford Leys to grow and remain a pleasant place to live.

Additional maintenance works continue due to the increase in our responsibilities as we take over the land areas which have been transferred to

us by Buckinghamshire Council. All the land which makes up Fairford Leys either has or will be transferred to the parish council. The increased costs overall in maintenance works and land management is something we are conscious of as well as the running of the community centre, which is at the heart of our community. Costs have risen in fuel and utilities and this has made some management decisions difficult, but we continue to provide the best service we can for the residents of Fairford Leys. We have 11 playgrounds to look after as well as the large areas of riverine land as well as trees and hedges works. We have riparian owner responsibilities for the riverine but we also work with the Environment Agency and other stakeholders as they too, have legal responsibilities for the water course. We will continue to manage, and protect the land, as best we can so that Fairford Leys remains the best it can be.

We also continue to manage the Ernest Cook Trust Covenants (which is on all properties on Fairford Leys as well as the additional garage covenant) which is important to ensure that the overall look of Fairford Leys remains as true as it can to the original Master Plan for Fairford Leys. We appreciate

those residents who support us in this sometimes difficult area as we wish to protect the overall design and development in terms of planning scheme for Fairford Leys. We try to ensure that Fairford Leys is as clean, tidy and presentable as it can be with a focus on community.

We have, and continue to support our local businesses which are important to us as a local community. Please continue to use the local businesses to ensure their success.

All this work could not happen without the support of the Clerk to the Parish Council, fellow Councillors, Maintenance Team and our Fairford Leys Community Centre staff and I must say a massive thank you to them all for the hard work that they put in behind the scenes to make this such a wonderful place to live and work.

It is with pleasure that I submit this report on behalf of the Parish Council.

Andrew Cole

Cllr Andrew Cole
Chairman of the Council



Meet your New Councillor

I moved to Fairford Leys in 2001, during that time my children were born, and they have benefitted from the safe and welcoming environment that the village / parish have to offer. As a young family we went to church and both my children attended St Mary's CE School. Over the years, we have made use of the parks and attended events at the community centre / square and have enjoyed countless walks around the village and the subsequent access that it gives to the local countryside.

Having been accepted as a councillor, I am delighted to be able to give something back to the community of Fairford Leys.

Cllr Carl Harvey



Fairford Leys Centre News Update



So! Half of 2023 almost gone, and we continue progress towards a sustained and regular amount of centre usage. The number of party bookings has increased dramatically since a year ago, so, for those of a certain age as they used to say on the telly 'Book Early to avoid disappointment'. The normal week offers a variety of classes and if you require any information, please contact the centre using the details at the end of this article.

The long summer holiday is approaching, and several of our regular classes do not run. This leaves the centre with more flexibility in terms of availability so if you have a weekday child's birthday or want to run a business-related event then it is certainly worth contacting us as we may well be able to help during the school holidays.

We are in the final stages of going live with our Facebook page and are looking at arranging some centre events, and it would be helpful to know is if there would be enough interest to make it worthwhile, I am thinking along the lines of quiz nights or Bingo evenings. Please contact us if you would be interested.



We continue to provide tea and coffee for a £1 and have recently installed a television in the Foyer, so if you want to meet friends for a reasonably priced hot drink and a chat, it would be nice to see/meet you.

Should you wish to hire the centre for a party, either email info@fairfordleyscentre.org.uk or call 01296 422800 and we will be happy to discuss your event.

Andy Barnett
Manager

Current Class Timetables

Day	Ernest Cook Hall	Coldharbour Hall
Monday	09.00 – 15.30 Monday Contact Club 16.00 – 18.00 Available for hire 18.45 – 19.45 Fergie's Fitness 20.00 – 21.00 Available for hire	09.00 – 10.45 Available for hire 11.00 – 12.00 Over 50's Tai-Chi 12.15 – 16.15 Available for hire 16.30 – 18.30 Premier Sports Futsal (4-6 & 7-10 years) 19.00 – 20.45 Bounce Class 21.00 – 22.00 Available for hire
Tuesday	09.30 – 12.00 NHS Diabetes 12.00 – 15.00 Available for hire 15.40 – 18.15 Claydons Dance Academy 18.30 – 20.00 Gentle & Therapeutic Yoga 20.15 – 22.00 Available for hire	09.00 – 10.45 Xtreme HipHop Step Aerobics 11.00 – 12.00 Badminton (Private) 14.00 – 14.30 Claydons Tots 15.40 – 18.15 Claydons Dance Academy 19.00 – 20.30 JBD Fitness 20.45 – 21.45 Badminton
Wednesday	10.30 – 11.30 JBD Fitness 11.45 – 12.45 Jan Baker Yoga 12.45 – 14.30 Available for hire 15.40 – 18.15 Claydons Dance Academy 18.30 – 21.00 Seido Karate	09.00 – 10.30 Available for hire 10.45 – 12.00 NHS Badminton Group 12.15 – 15.00 Available for hire 15.40 – 18.15 Claydons Dance Academy Cheerleading 18.30 – 19.30 Seido Karate 20.00 – 21.30 Badminton (Private)
Thursday	09.45 – 11.00 JBD Fitness 12.00 – 16.00 WI Various Community groups 19.15 – 22.00 WI (3rd Thursday Only) 19.00 Parish Council Meeting (1st Thursday of every Month only)	10.30 – 11.30 Badminton (Private) 12.00 – 15.00 Available for hire 16.00 – 17.00 Little Dragons (ZKS) 17.00 – 19.45 Childrens Martial Arts (ZKS) 20.15 – 21.45 Badminton (Private)
Friday	09.30 – 11.30 Weeniebeans Soft Play 13.00 – 15.00 Available for hire 16.15 – 18.00 ZKS 18.15 – 19.15 Xtreme HipHop Step Aerobics 19.30 – 22.30 Aylesbury Folk Club (1st & 3rd)	09.00 – 17.00 Available for hire 17.30 – 18.30 Badminton (Private) 18.30 – 22.00 Church Badminton Group
Saturday	09.00 – 10.00 Yoga 10.30 – 11.30 Zumba 12.00 – 23.30 Available for hire	10.00 – 12.45 ZKS Martial Arts 13.00 – 23.30 Available for hire
Sunday	09.00 – 22.00 Available for hire	09.00 – 10.00 Bounce 10.15 – 22.00 Available for hire

Village News

Community Events

The council has been very busy since the last edition of Coldharbour News and we are pleased to be able to show you pictures in this edition.

Christmas in the Square on 10th December, as always attracted lots of people to enjoy the Aylesbury Community Band and the Aylesbury Vale Academy Primary School choir. Santa arrived on time and managed to see all the children before the football started!



On 7th May we held a Community Garden Party in the Fairford Leys Centre gardens to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III. Many people came along and an enjoyable time was had by all. See details opposite.

Then on 19th May we joined Members of Buckinghamshire Council for the Official Opening of the Platinum Cycle Way; – more details on following page.

We now look forward to our annual Fair in the Square on Saturday 8th July, which we know will be as popular as ever. Then on 2nd September Chairman Andrew Cole will be presenting Music in the Square where you can come and dance the night away. See back page

Photography Competition

Councillor Tom Andrew is organising a Photography competition for residents with a special prize for under 18s; We hope that this will showcase some of the many attractive features of our village. See details on page 15.

Success stories

Many people will be pleased to know that our Buckinghamshire Councillors have managed to obtain approval and funding for the proposed double yellow lines on both sides of Arncott Way and on Keen Close outside the school. We have received many complaints about parking in these areas and have which we have passed on to Bucks Council and we are delighted at the positive outcome. The proposed plans are attached in case you missed them.



If you are one of the people who missed the clock on the front of the Fairford Leys Centre, you will have seen that it is now back in its rightful place.



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Community Garden Party

On Sunday the 7th of May the Parish Council hosted a Community Coronation Garden Party as part of The Big Coronation Lunch event. We provided music, seating and light refreshments and residents brought picnics with them

The event was held in the community centre garden, and we were joined by around 50 residents and members of the Church on Fairford Leys. The sun also made a welcomed appearance which rounded off the weekend's celebrations. My thanks to the Centre Staff and Councillors who helped make this a wonderful celebration.



Cllr Andrew Cole

Opening of New Platinum Way Cycle Route

Friday 12th May was the official opening of the newly extended and renamed Platinum Way, which runs through Haydon Hill and Coldharbour Parish, giving you a direct cycle route to the town centre and to Aylesbury Vale Parkway.

The outgoing chairman of Bucks Unitary Council, Cllr Dev Dhillion, as well as our very own Chairman Cllr Andrew Cole, were part of the official opening of the route and were joined by the newly elected mayor of Aylesbury, Cllr Steven Lambert, as well as local Cllrs Adam Poland-Goodyer and Sarah James. Cllr James chairs the Aylesbury community board's environmental action group, and active travel is very

much a part of the focus looking at ways to encourage people out of their cars and finding more sustainable ways of travelling as much as possible. If you would like to get involved with the group, please reach out to her on sarah.james@Buckinghamshire.gov.uk.

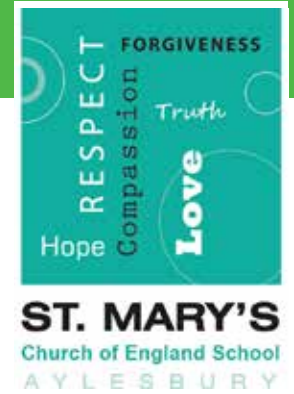
Ellie Caton from the transport strategy team at Bucks council has been working away to ensure the event went smoothly and arranged for the wonderful Coombe Bikes to be present allowing residents to get their bikes serviced for free as well as being registered on the database to ensure swift return of bikes if they are lost or stolen. Coombe Bikes is run by Paul & Tracy and offers a mobile service to repair and service all

types of push bikes within a 15 mile radius. See their website for further information and contact details <https://www.coombebikes.co.uk>

There are many lovely cycle routes accessible from the village, so why not get on your bike, or plan your walk around the gemstone routes.



St Mary's CE School



The children at St. Mary's C of E School started their Coronation celebrations by wearing red, white and blue on Friday 5th May. The pupils and staff were given Coronation bookmarks from the PTA and ODBST as mementos to mark the historical occasion. During a Coronation themed collective worship, delivered by Mr Liddle the headteacher, the children were recorded singing the song 'Sing for the King,' which will be compiled with the other ODBST schools to create a Trust Coronation song. Each class planned activities to develop the children's knowledge about King Charles III and the Coronation, part of which included the children being challenged to draw the King's

head in the style of an artist. In addition to this, the children were invited to take part in a competition organised by the Trust, where they had to submit a piece of writing or a design for the King's Crown which reflected the school's cultural history. One pupil from each class was chosen to be entered into the competition and the winners will be announced later this month.

**David Liddle – Headteacher
St Mary's CE School**



Community Crossword

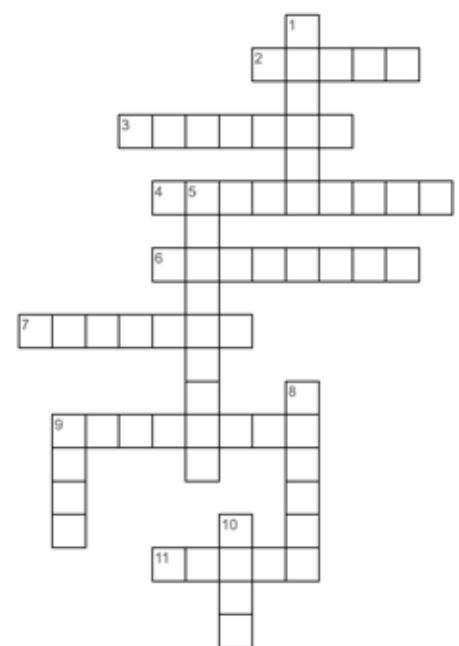
Can you solve this summer themed crossword?

Across

- 2 Prue _ , former Bake Off host (_ Road)
- 3 Stoke-on-trent's main export (_ Close)
- 4 Circular place for music in the square
- 6 Bird with oily looking feathers (_ Mews)
- 7 National Trust house in north Bucks
- 9 Vegegable often served with Pimm's
- 11 Local village smaller than a rock

Down

- 1 Fairground wheel
- 5 Study of the starts (_ Way)
- 8 Cyclists annually tour this country
- 9 A home for a chickent and local shop name
- 10 Zero points in a Tennis match



Compiled by Cllr Tom Andrew

Stuck? The answers can be found at <https://www.coldharbour-pc.gov.uk/coldharbournews>

A Message from the Church on Fairford Leys

“Zadok the priest and Nathan the prophet are to anoint him there as king of Israel. Then blow the trumpets and shout, ‘Long live King Solomon!’”

1 Kings 1:34, The Living Bible

The Coronation service is rooted in Christian tradition and in scripture - in particular the presentation of the various regalia which are used. Some of them we might be familiar with - the crown, the orb and the sceptre - but there are others that I didn't know about. The jewelled sword given as a sign, not a judgement, but of justice; not of might, but of mercy. The bracelets of sincerity and wisdom; the robe, and Royal stole - given with the words “may the Lord clothe you with a robe of righteousness, and the garments of salvation.” The ring - a sign of the covenant sworn between God and King; and the glove, given with the challenge “may you hold authority with gentleness and grace, trusting not in your own power in the mercy of God, who has chosen you”. The robes worn at the anointing; with complicated Latin names, but symbolising the dual nature of Christ - servant and saviour. And then the crown itself; the crown of Saint Edward, worn only at the moment of coronation, asking that the king be crowned with God's gracious favour, filled with abundant grace, and all princely virtues.



The first words that were spoken as the procession entered the abbey were by a young person, a Chapel Royal chorister - “Your Majesty, as children of the kingdom of God, we welcome you in the name of the king of kings”, to which King Charles replied “in his name, and after his example, I come not to be served, but to serve.” At that service we saw one image of king, kingdom, and royalty - and the signs are that the new King will be something of a reformer; changing the image from what has gone before. We saw the inclusion of the King's prayer; an entirely new component to the service. A personal act of worship, delivered in the most public of settings. A King whose desire is to serve, and who wishes to include others in his work. A royal function, modelled on the one who is king over all, and who shares his work with all his people - the church. We are described in the Bible as a royal priesthood. Under the lordship of Jesus there is no single king, no privileged royal family, but together, collectively, we bring the presence of Jesus - who is prophet, priest, and king - into the world. We are a holy people - because we are God's chosen ones, not because of our own efforts or accident of birth. Whatever views you may hold about the Coronation, I think it was a challenge to all in authority to carry out their duties as servants for the public good, and a challenge to each of us to act with compassion, love and humility in all that we do.

Revd Anthony Howells
The Church on Fairford Leys

Aylesbury West Policing Team Update

A warm welcome to our June editions update. Firstly since the last update, there have been a few changes to the Team. PC Gent and PCSO Sinani have both left the Team, to progress other roles within Thames Valley Police. They have been replaced by PC Elliott Jones and PCSO Janine Sinclair. PC Emma Norman is due to return from Maternity Leave later in the year.

Since our last update, there have unfortunately been a number of thefts from vehicles, across Aylesbury, including Fairford Leys. The good news is that a male was arrested and charged for these offences. However what became very clear during the investigations is the number of people who leave their vehicles insecure. The reasoning behind this, being less damage will be caused, by anyone attempting to break in. Can we please remind everyone to not only to take you valuables with them, but also to lock and secure vehicles? By leaving them insecure, you are making yourself an easy target.



We have also been recently made aware of a Drugs Issue, in and around the Centre, which seems to have caused a lot of comments on Social Media. Again, like any situation, if it is not reported to the Police, we cannot act on it. Any information regarding Drugs or any other crime is treated in the strictest confidence. Can we urge people to report this behaviour either by calling 101 or going online and using Crime Stoppers?

Lastly, we hope everyone has a safe and enjoyable summer and you all get the chance to get away and relax.

Aylesbury West Policing Team

Grounds Maintenance update

1: The grass cutting has now started, we have finished cutting back the hedges and opened up the bridges, all the failing cherry trees have been removed and replaced with more appropriate species, carefully selected for their size, and help with birds and bees. This autumn we will also start to open up some more areas to allow views of the riverine when the residents walk around the village.

2: Winter bedding will soon be coming to an end, and we hope you have enjoyed seeing the beautiful displays in the planters. Hopefully by the time you read this we will be well on our way to finishing the summer the summer bedding. We are planning to plant more daffodils, tulips and crocuses in the autumn.

3: We continue to carry out weed spraying as and when the weather allows.

4: We still have the occasional vandalism and graffiti, if you see anything that is damaged or tagged,



please let us know, we will do our best to repair the damage, and remove the graffiti as soon as possible.

5: All the parks have been inspected by ROSPA, and any works that are flagged up as medium risk have completed, any low risks will be tackled throughout the year: the new basketball nets have been put up, and are being regularly used.

6: We do try hard to keep the village tidy and free from litter and dog waste,

but if you see anything that concerns you please do leave a message at the community centre and we will try to help if we can.

7: You may not be aware that we have an allotment site at the end of Chelsea Road, if anyone is interested in a plot, please put your name down on the list at the community centre.

Steve Webb

**Grounds Maintenance Manager -
01296 422800**

Fairford Leys WI

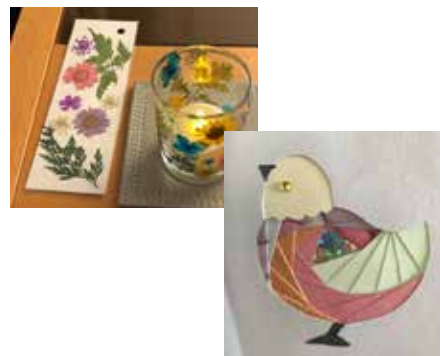
I met a friend of mine yesterday and with a sympathetic look on her face she asked me "are you still doing that WI lark?" "Well" I began, with a very proud look on mine.....I told her that the WI is there to inspire women, and I can say with great confidence that is just what we do!!!

In the last six months we have sung in Swahili, tried our hand at watercolour painting and photography, inspired by the world around us. We have created a weekly gallery on our WhatsApp site which is nick-named 'Blooming Monday' with photographs of flowers and plants in our gardens. This has now become very competitive. We also have a Book Club where we enjoy discussing the month's book. At our Craft Group we have made

dried flower tea light holders and bookmarks, tried Iris paper folding and made beautiful Easter wall hangings and that's just the tip of the iceberg. We embarked on our first Jigsaw Challenge with such success it will become an annual event. Through all this we have eaten many a scone and raised a lot of money for local charities, making poppies for the RBL and made donations to world disaster funds. Our monthly speakers cover subjects varied as The Wombles and Mercy Ships. We do all these things as a group, everyone contributing whatever talent they may have..... Win, win situation I said!!! Then I got off my orange box and told her the details of how she could become inspired.

Bev Edwards - President of FLWI

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INSPIRING WOMEN



Community Knit And Natter

We meet on the first Thursday of each month 1pm - 3pm at Fairford Leys Community Centre. Cost is £1 which includes tea/coffee plus cake. We would love to have new knitters or just natters join us so if you have some free time do come along and meet our friendly ladies.

Last time I wrote we had just finished the poppies for The Royal British Legion where we collected a staggering £628.25p. Also we were knitting for our Christmas Stall where we made £260.50p which was donated to a local school, £55 was also raised for Ukraine.

Since then we have been extremely busy posting 92 very cute Easter Bunnies and Chicks to St Francis House Hospice in Didsbury for their fundraising: Delivering 27 blankets, 20 pairs of bonding squares, 53 wee hats, 5 cannula covers and 1 cardigan to Stoke Mandeville Neonatal Unit. Sending over 100 Innocent Bottle hats off to support Age UK and giving 66 white pennants to Aylesbury Yarn Bombers to help decorate the town for the Coronation of King Charles III.

We are now knitting Easter chicks and bunnies and little Santa Hats and Plum Puddings for Emmett's Genies a local charity that in September are celebrating a weekend of all seasons for very sick and terminally ill children. We will be able to knit the 100 of each which I have promised.



Lynda, Sandra, Isabel and I cannot thank our lovely knitters enough for all their hard work we are always blown away by how generous everyone is. Whatever we ask they always go that extra mile and it makes us all so proud when we receive the thank-you's from the charities we support.

Sylvia Barnard 07709799311



Thank you!

Dear Sylvia,

Thank you to everyone in your community Knit and Natter group for the 92 amazing knitted chicks and bunnies. Your support is much appreciated.

Best Wishes,
Rachel Nasiri

on behalf of the Francis House Fundraising Team

Jonathan Page play Centre

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB & HOLIDAY PLAYSCHMES

We opened our doors to parents and carers at our King's Coronation Parent Evening on Wednesday 3 May. It was great to see everyone and show them our brilliant facilities and outdoor spaces. We decked the Play Centre from head to toe with red, white and blue bunting and even made our own throne which everyone enjoyed sitting on as well as having a go at fun crafts and games.



There is another chance to visit us at our annual Open Day taking place on Saturday 1 July at the Play Centre – see details below.

Are you looking for ideas for the summer holidays? Our Holiday Playschemes are packed full of fun activities, crafts and games and each week covers a different topic so there is something for everyone at each and every visit. - See details below.

Looking ahead to the autumn, bookings are now open for our October Half Term Playscheme (23-27 October). The theme for the week is 'Things That Fly'. There's plenty to see and do - whatever the weather.

If you would like your child(ren) to join us during the summer holidays or October Half Term, please visit our Facebook page @jpplaycentre or visit aylesburytowncouncil.gov.uk/jppc for more information.

Please note our spaces are limited so we recommend you booking in as soon as you can to avoid disappointment.

Rachel Noon
Marketing and
Communications Officer



Ready to do the Time Warp again?!

The iconic **Rocky Horror Show** promises a non-stop party and subversive romp as it celebrates 50 years of fun when it heads to Aylesbury from Mon 3 – Sat 8 July.

Written by **Richard O'Brien** he tells why the show continues to be timeless: *'It's very inclusive, it's very easy to watch. It's not rocket science as far as narrative is concerned - Brad and Janet are a couple that we kind of recognise as Adam and Eve or Romeo and Juliet, like a stereotypical couple - we can all relate to them.'*

He also explains why ironically, his favourite part of the show, is the end!

'The noise at the end of Rocky is wonderful – it is empowering and exhilarating at the same time it is quite joyous. Rocky never fails to deliver. Each performance lifts the heart and the nightly laughter and roars of approval leave the whole cast with a sense of wellbeing and accomplishment.'

Not familiar with the production?

The Rocky Horror Show is the story of two squeaky clean college kids – Brad



and his fiancée Janet. When by a twist of fate, their car breaks down outside a creepy mansion whilst on their way to visit their former college professor, they meet the charismatic Dr Frank'n'Furter. It is an adventure they (and you!) will never forget, filled with fun, frolics, frocks, and frivolity.

Ready to thrill you with fun and naughty moments, **The Rocky Horror Show** is the boldest bash of them all.



Theatre Highlights

Strictly Ballroom	Mon 12 – Sat 17 Jun
Peter Pan Goes Wrong	Tue 3 – Sun 8 October
The Woman in Black	Mon 9 – Sat 14 October
Greatest Days	Tue 7 – Sat 11 November
Madagascar the Musical	Wed 15 – Sat 18 November
The Full Monty	Tue 21 – Sat 25 November

To book tickets visit www.atgtickets.com/aylesbury (Fees apply.)

Alison Trimming
Waterside Theatre

Tax Advice

Resident Nicola Smith is a tax expert who lives on Fairford Leys. She has put together a series of short articles offering useful tax advice. The first one is regarding capital gains tax.



Report your UK residential property sales...within 60 days!

Did you know, if you sell a UK residential property you may be required to report the sale, and pay any capital gains tax due, within 60 days of the date of sale? If this is news to you, you are not alone! Tens of thousands of taxpayers are reported to have failed to declare and pay any capital gains tax due on time during the 2021-22 tax year, resulting in late filing and late payment penalties being charged. The change to the in-year property reporting rules came into effect in April 2020 (perhaps lost amongst the focus on the Covid pandemic). If you are a landlord or owner of UK residential property and thinking of selling your property(s), or have sold a property since 6 April 2022, please ensure you familiarise yourself with the rules, or seek advice. In our experience, this is not something your estate agents or solicitors are generally aware of.

Should you require more information, please contact me:

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Useful Numbers

Arriva Buses 01296 468730	Fairford Leys Centre 01296 422800
BT Fault Line 0800 800151	Fairford Pharmacy 01296 485050
Childline 0800 1111	Gas - Emergency 0800 111999
The Church on Fairford Leys 01296 424980	N.H.S. Out of hours 111
Clerk to Coldharbour Parish Council 01296 422800	Silver Rider – Red Rose travel 01296 747926
Doctors Surgery 01296 424488	Stoke Mandeville Hospital 01296 315000
Eastgate Dental Practice 01296 433222	Thames Valley Police 101
Electricity - Power loss 0800 3163105	Thames Water 0800 714614
	Train Times 08457 484950

A purple fundraising poster for 'Pace' featuring an afternoon tea event at Moat Farm. The poster includes a photo of a tea set, a QR code, and contact information. The text on the poster reads: 'Pace An Afternoon at Moat Farm Join us for a relaxed garden party with some classic afternoon tea favourites, along with live music and a variety of stalls. Thursday 22nd June 1:30-4:30pm Moat Farm, Water Lane, HP178XD Book now'. At the bottom, it says 'Email fundraising@thepacecentre.org thepacecentre.org @thepacecentre' and 'Registered Office: The Pace Centre Ltd, The Brighthelm Campus, 106 Westdown Rd, Aylesbury, HP22 5TE | Company number 2707807 | Registered Charity No. 104552'.



Michael Vaughan



Ian Morris



Sara Hutch



Photography Competiton

Our Photography competition has returned and we are looking for the best amateur photographers to capture the best of Fairford Leys and the surrounding area. We are looking for landscape shots of our fantastic local environment, which could be captured out and about, at a community event, on a nature walk etc. The competition is open now all the way up to November, giving you plenty of time to capture the perfect shot.

For the first time, we not only have prizes for the top 3 photographers, but also a prize for best photograph by a young person aged under 18. All the winning photographs will be printed on canvases and put on display in the Fairford Leys Community Centre. Each winner will win a copy of their image on a canvas to display at home. After judging, the winning photographs will be announced and prizes presented at Christmas in the Square in December.

Haven't got a fancy camera? No problem, many of the best shots can be taken and edited on your phone. Our top tips are to think about the positioning of key features to draw the eye and to try out different angles.

To enter this competition scan the QR code with your smartphone or visit the web address below.



 www.coldharbour-pc.gov.uk/photographycomp



Coldharbour Parish Council Presents

MUSIC in the Square 2023

SATURDAY

Sept 2nd

Music from 5pm

Featuring

The Truants|The Six Fiftys|Fret Heads

With Guest Compère Buddy Ash

A free community event organised by Coldharbour Parish Council