

# Coldharbour News

The Coldharbour Parish Council Newsletter

May 2022



## FAIR IN THE SQUARE

Saturday 9th July 1pm to 6pm



*Fair in The Square, Saturday 9th July from  
1pm to 6pm in Hampden Square*

- *Aylesbury Community Band*
- *Fairground rides for everyone*
- *Licenced bar open all day*
- *Various craft stalls*

*See details of the Big Jubilee Lunch on back page*



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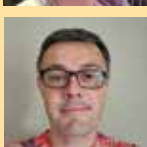
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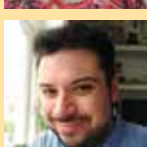
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## Forthcoming Events

### Three Great Events in the Square for 2022

Coldharbour Parish Council are pleased to be able to tell you that we will be arranging not one but three community events in the square this year.

#### 1. Big Jubilee Lunch Sunday 5th June from 12noon till 3

We are delighted to be able to organise this special event in honour of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. It is the Queen's hope that this will be an opportunity for communities across the UK and further afield to join a spirit of togetherness and to celebrate the enormous achievements of the last 70 years.

If you were thinking of organising a party for your street, why not bring your party to the square; tables and chairs will be available, on a first come first served basis, so all you need to do is pack your own food and drinks or purchase food from one of the local

businesses. Chairman Cllr Andrew Cole will be showing a film of the coronation and playing all the top hits from the last 70 years for singing and dancing along to. This is a free event, so do come along and join the party and make this a great Fairford Leys Celebration of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.



#### 2. Fair in the Square Saturday 9th July 1pm to 6pm



We are so pleased to be able to tell you that this popular annual event will be back in July after a break for Covid. All the usual attractions will be there and we are working hard to make this fun day bigger and better than ever. Again this is a free entry event organised entirely by your parish council. For those who have not been before, there are fairground rides, various stalls, refreshments and a licenced bar run by your parish councillors. This year we will be collecting money for the Aylesbury Wombles. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the fair.

#### 3. Music in the Square Saturday 3rd September 5pm to 11pm

I am sure many of you missed Music in the Square last year, even though lots of people logged in to Music on the Square Screen presented by Chairman Cllr Andrew Cole. This year he will be in the square with live music for dancing to entertain you. Come along early to grab a deckchair and buy your burgers and drinks served to you by councillors at the bar. This has always been a fun evening for all the family and a not to be missed event arranged by your parish council.



# Parish Council News

## NOTICE OF CLOSURE OF MAIN SQUARE

Please note that we will be closing the main square for the following community events:

### Queen's Platinum Jubilee Big Lunch, Sunday 5th June 2022 12pm to 3pm

Main Square Closure – Friday 3rd June 2022 from 8am to Sunday 5th June 2022, 3.30pm

### Fair in the Square, Saturday 9th July 2022 1pm to 6pm

Main Square Closure - Friday 8th July 2022 from 8am to Saturday 9th July 2022, 6.30pm

### Music in the Square, Saturday 3rd September 2022 from 7pm to 11pm

Main Square Closure – Friday 2nd September from 8am to Saturday 3rd September 2022, 11.30pm

**We close the square on the Friday as we need to ensure all vehicles are removed from the square in advance of the event.**

## Outside Gym – Brimmers Way

The parish council has secured the majority of funding from the Aylesbury Community Board to install an outside fitness gym on Brimmers Way playpark. The equipment will include Street Workout, Proludic Urbanix Spinning Bicycle, Urbanix Spinning Bike, Elliptical Trainer, Proludic Urbanix Abs Bench, Proludic Urbanix Chin UP and Dip.



## Playparks refurbishment

Councillor James has been working on the refurbishment of our play parks. The parks will be renamed and have a theme such as a castle and a pirate ship. Some parks will have accent on activities for older children whilst some equipment such as swings will be relocated to places where they have been requested. Look out for further details in the next edition.

## Allotment Competition

We are pleased to confirm that the parish council is going to be running the allotment competition again this year. Every allotment will be judged by a panel of judges and the judging will take place between Monday 13th of June to Friday 1st of July. During this time period the judges will review every allotment based on the following criteria:

1. Plot cleanliness
2. Health and vigour of the planting
3. Maximising the use of space
4. Range of crops
5. Overall plot appearance

Every plot is going to be judged so you do not need to enter the competition. The



top three plots will be notified and receive a prize which will be given out at Fair in the Square on Saturday 9th of July at some point in the afternoon. The prizes this year have been donated by Hartwell Nurseries. We look forward to seeing all your lovely produce.



## Chairman's Message

Welcome to the latest edition of Coldharbour News. At this time of year the village looks so colourful with all the bulbs and blossoms starting to appear and it always reminds me of the hard work our maintenance team put in through the winter months to reap these rewards.

With a quick glance back at winter I was overjoyed to see so many of you at our Christmas in the Square event and I hope you and your families enjoyed the evening as much as I did. As we start to come back together as a community, I am pleased to announce that our community events Fair in the Square and Music in the Square will be returning this year (full details are in this issue).

We will also be celebrating the Queens Jubilee with a bring your own picnic in the square, details again are in this copy of the magazine, and I look forward to seeing you there as we celebrate this magnificent milestone together.

As a council we are continuing to meet and challenge HS2 and its contractors with regards to traffic, noise and flooding. We are also looking at funding schemes and ways to revamp some of our play areas which are looking a bit tired. It is nice to be able to meet face to face once again, and our public meetings continue to be held at the community centre on the first Thursday of each month at 8pm.

**Councillor Andrew Cole – Chairman of Coldharbour Parish Council**

# Presentations



## Honorary Freeman of the Parish of Coldharbour

In our last edition of Coldharbour News, we were delighted to announce that Steven Lambert had been made an Honorary Freeman of the Parish of Coldharbour.

At our December meeting Chairman Cllr Andrew Cole presented the award to Steven in the form of a framed scroll. Steven thanked the council and said that he was honoured to receive this recognition of his services to Coldharbour Parish. He also said that he had thoroughly enjoyed his years as a Parish Councillor and would continue to take a keen interest in Fairford Leys in his role as a member of Buckinghamshire Council.



## Flowers for Chloe Lambert



At the same meeting Cllr Cole was delighted to present flowers to Mrs Chloe Lambert. Chloe has been attending council meetings for many years on behalf of the Bucks Herald and her contributions have been much appreciated. Chloe thanked the council for the flowers and said that she would miss coming along to our meetings.

# Maintenance Update 2022

## Grounds Maintenance update for May 2022

**1:** The grass cutting has now started, we are starting to cut back the hedges and open up the bridges, doing this allows the timber to breathe and not stay damp and potentially rot. This autumn we will also start to open up some areas to allow views of the riverine when the residents walk around the village.

**2:** Winter bedding will soon be coming to an end, we hope you have enjoyed seeing them on your daily journeys, they will be replaced with the summer bedding in early June.

**3:** Weed spraying is on-going, as and when the weather allows.

**4:** Sadly we have noticed an increase in 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 major works have now been completed, new basketball nets have been put up, these will hopefully not get vandalised, so that everyone can enjoy the MUGA.

**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 and we will try to help if we can.

**Steve Webb - Grounds Maintenance Manager - 01296 422800**



# Annual Reports for 2021 to 2022



## Reports presented at the Annual Parish Meeting for Coldharbour on Thursday 7th April 2022

### Annual report for Coldharbour parish council presented by Cllr Andrew Cole, Chairman of Coldharbour parish council



The last year has continued to be an unusual and challenging one, but we are starting to see things getting back to a more normal way of life. In May we had the elections which had been delayed by 12 months due to the pandemic, this saw the election of our 3 new Buckinghamshire Unitary Council Councillors Steven Lambert, Adam Poland-Goodyer and Sarah James. Both Adam and Sarah are new to their role as a County Councillor but have served for quite some time on our parish council and have been highly active within the community so I know they will be making sure our residents' voices are heard at county level.

Considering Adam's additional workload as a unitary councillor, he decided to step back from being Chairman of the parish council and I was delighted to be asked again to take on the role of Chairman. As I said at the beginning of this report, we are seeing glimpses of returning to some sort of normality and I was delighted to be able to attend the Parish Remembrance Service with residents and fellow councillors. In December I attended the Mayors Christmas Carol Service at St Mary's Church. We were also able to put on our first community event for nearly two years. Christmas in the Square was a huge success and, although a bit damp, it was nice

to see so many residents attending the event to welcome Father Christmas to the village, our singing was a little rusty, but it really started to feel normal again. Looking forward, plans are already in place for the Queen's Jubilee celebrations as well as hosting our annual community events through the summer.

At the December meeting of the council I had the privilege of awarding Steven Lambert an Honorary Freeman of the Parish. This is the highest honor a parish council can bestow and was awarded in recognition of his long service to our community. We also said goodbye to Chloe Lambert (no relation) who has been covering our meetings, as a local newspaper reporter, on behalf of the Bucks Herald for as long as I can remember. She had decided to reduce some of her commitments and I hope she enjoys the rest.

The parish council has continued to work on behalf of its residents addressing local concerns and managing the large land areas and responsibilities we have for Fairford Leys. We continue to meet monthly with representatives from HS2 and its contractors EKFB raising concerns over traffic, flooding, environmental and noise. We also had some success preserving a number of ancient oaks which were brought to our attention by residents. Following pressure by both the council and the community we were able to get the compound moved slightly to preserve them.

We have returned to "face to face" meetings and continue to carry out our responsibilities as a parish council by being consulted on planning applications, managing the existing

land areas and taking on further land and responsibilities within the riverine corridor. As well as HS2, we have dealt with issues raised directly by our residents affecting our environment.

I would like to thank Keith Gray, Clerk to the parish council, for his continued support and guidance, Andy Barnett, Community Centre Manager and our community centre staff who have continued to keep the centre Covid safe and open as much as possible during those difficult times. Our fabulous, dedicated and committed, maintenance team, Steve Webb, Steve Baughan and Bennie Orlandi, continue to be complemented on the amazing work they do keeping the village looking great. And lastly to my fellow councillors who willingly give their own time to help make Fairford Leys such a wonderful place to live and work.

Our aim, as always, is to continue to keep Fairford Leys the best it can possibly be, support our residents and local businesses and represent the interests of the parish as strongly as possible.

It is my privilege to present this report, we continue to meet every first Thursday at the community centre, and we encourage residents to attend and see the work that Coldharbour parish council carries out.

**Cllr Andrew Cole**  
**Chairman**  
**Coldharbour Parish Council**

# Annual Reports - continued

## Report for Annual Parish Meeting Prepared by Buckinghamshire Cllr Adam Poland-Goodyer and Cllr Sarah James, Buckinghamshire Councillors for Aylesbury West



We were delighted to have been elected to serve as your local councillors at Buckinghamshire Council, the new unitary authority replacing Buckinghamshire County Council in 2020. Due to Covid, the first elections were held in 2021.

This has been a year of new experiences and rapid learning curves for us as new members of Buckinghamshire Council. There was a very thorough induction, but we are still learning who the go-to people are in order to get things done in our community. Being both a parish and unitary councillor brings benefits to our community as we are rooted here, and it is always at the forefront of our activities. We are bringing to the role between us over 10 years' experience at a parish level.

We have represented the parish at various meetings and civic events throughout the year including the Aylesbury Community board meetings. Cllr James successfully ran a trial project of play streets in Napier Road and organised the funding via the Community Board for a new projector and screen for our 'in the square' events.

For the community Cllr Poland-Goodyer has facilitated and succeeded in funding a new adult gym for Fairford Leys as part of the playpark's regeneration

being led by Cllr Sarah James. We have liaised and installed better, new, clearer road signage for Brimmers Way, and been working with the Adept project to sort out the lighting issues in Brimmers Way and bashing heads together to get the land transfer of the riverine corridor completed.

We have got local roads and drains cleared (particularly the roundabout of Coldharbour way and Arncott way) and we should soon have double yellow lines in Arncott Way to prevent dangerous parking. We are in conversation about the state of the footpaths on Brimmers Way and in liaison with the Ernest Cook Trust, HS2 and Aylesbury Town Council to mitigate against the HS2 works and gain whatever benefits we can for our community.

We are continually chasing HS2 for information on the changes to our riverine corridors due to HS2 working in Wendover. We are also meeting with representatives of the River Thames Conservation trust to better understand the watercourses across Fairford Leys. We have been chasing HS2 up on their continued works on the Oxford Road and in March Cllr Adam Poland-Goodyer (in his role as shadow TECC cabinet member) managed to get HS2 to publicly commit to building an over bridge on the Oxford Road this year.

Cllr Sarah James has been assisting residents with unsuitable housing conditions and access to Covid recovery grants as well as questioning the head of Buckinghamshire's Children's services on the result of their latest Ofsted report.

After a question at a full council meeting, we managed to arrange a meeting between the cabinet member for Children's services, the head of Children's services and ourselves, and



the chairman of Coldharbour Parish Council about the running of the Children's homes in Fairford Leys by Benjamin UK. We raised our concerns and voiced experiences of residents. The cabinet member was visibly shocked at what residents have had to endure due to the poor management of these homes.

We helped in the design and consultation phase of the new Emerald Way cycle path restructuring and alignment, creating a traffic-free, safer route for residents to cycle or walk into Aylesbury Town centre or to Waddesdon Manor via the Greenway. With HS2 causing more chaos in the years ahead, this might be a useful route to have.

We will continue to represent our ward of Aylesbury West and the residents of Fairford Leys at all future meetings of Buckinghamshire Council and we will continue to unequivocally support Coldharbour Parish Council and its Chairman. If you need help, have a query or a question. Please do not hesitate to contact us.

**Cllr Adam Poland-Goodyer  
& Cllr Sarah James  
01296 422800**

# Fairford Leys Centre News Update

Firstly, I would like to know what has happened to the first 4 months of the year, which appear to have passed in a flash. I believe that the main reason for this is that after a very long and sometimes tough 2 years we are at last, whisper it quietly, getting busier and taking small steps to returning to some sort of normality. I am particularly looking forward to the community events that are once again being planned by the parish council.

Most of our classes have now returned and the ones that haven't already returned have indicated that they won't be coming back. With that in mind I would like to express my thanks to the Swing Dance class that has now closed. The second class that isn't returning is the older people's friendship group that used to come in on a Friday afternoon to play board games and socialise, this group has been meeting for many years and will be sadly missed.

We have a wide variety of classes and like to think that we offer something for everyone as you will hopefully see from the class timetable reproduced in this magazine.

We are also welcoming back parties and have been pleased to see children's birthday parties taking place in the centre, along with some Saturday night events.



Although the regulations have been relaxed there is still a duty of care placed on the centre to protect our staff and centre users whilst the infection numbers remain high. For this reason we are remaining cautious about how we deal with parties and I cannot say that we have returned to business as it was before the pandemic.

Should you wish to hire the centre for a party, either email [info@fairfordleyscentre.org.uk](mailto:info@fairfordleyscentre.org.uk) or call 01296 422800 and we will be happy to discuss your event to ensure it is viable for the centre to allow the 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 Yoga Class (AMI)	09.30 – 14.00 Adventure Babies 16.30 – 17.30 Premier Sports Futsal (4-6 Yrs) 17.30 – 18.30 Premier Sports Futsal (7-10Yrs) 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	09.00 – 10.45 Available for hire 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
Wednesday	10.30 – 11.30 JBD Fitness 11.45 – 12.45 Jan Baker Yog 13.00 – 14.30 Available for Hire 15.40 – 18.15 Claydons Dance Academy 18.30 – 21.00 Seido Karate	09.00 – 14.30 Available for Hire 12.00 - 13.00 Private Badminton 15.40 – 18.15 Claydons Dance Academy Cheerleading 18.30 – 19.30 Seido Karate 20.00 – 22.00 Available for Hire
Thursday	09.00 – 13.00 Monkey Music 13.00 – 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)	09.45 – 11.00 JBD Fitness 12.00 – 15.00 Available for Hire 16.00 – 17.00 Little Dragons (ZKS) 17.00 – 19.45 Childrens Martial Arts (ZKS) 20.15 – 21.00 Bounce
Friday	09.30 – 11.30 Weeniebeans Soft Play 13.30 – 16.00 Available for hire 16.15 – 18.00 ZKS 18.30 – 22.00 Available for hire	09.00 – 10.15 Available for Hire 10.30 – 11.30 Badminton (Private) 12.00 – 16.30 Available for Hire 17.15 – 18.15 Badminton (Private) 18.30 – 22.00 Church Badminton Group
Saturday	9.00 – 10.00 & 10.30 – 11.30 Yoga	10.00 – 12.45 ZKS Martial Arts
Sunday	9.00 – 10.00 Bounce	Available for Hire

# Village News

## News of our businesses

### Opening of the One Stop shop

Back in November last year we were pleased to see the opening of one of the last vacant properties in the square. Raj Paranthaban who owns the popular Salt and Vinegar Fish and chip restaurant has now opened a One Stop Shop in Fairford Leys

In addition to the usual merchandise, their services include a butcher, dry cleaning and lottery sales. Raj has expressed a wish to take an active part in the Fairford Leys community. We wish him well with his new venture. The picture shows the Mayor of Aylesbury Cllr Anders Christensen and Cllr Andrew Cole jointly declaring the shop open.



### Elite Flowers are open



Laura Mortimer, Elite Flowers shop owner and manager, and Tracy-Ann Wood, deputy manager, began a Floristry course over two years ago as a possible future career change and hobby. Both gained a diploma and achieved overall distinctions.

Laura purchased the property, on Wedgewood Street in October 2020 and after a long refurbishment, the shop opened its doors to the public on 8th March 2022. The opening was a great success and they have been very busy with 2 big events, Mother's Day and Easter.

### Escape Celebrate their Second Birthday

Just after taking over Escape Wellbeing Therapies 2 years ago Escape was hit by the first lockdown and had to close. However they have managed to survive and are doing well and owner



Lillian Hutt said "I would like to say thank you very much to the Fairford Leys community for the warm welcome and support they have given us. We look forward to getting to know everyone and to meeting lots of four legged friends! We wanted to invite clients and members of the community to share our success and drop in for a glass of Prosecco. She went on to say," The party was very successful, and it was lovely to see so many members of the community there to celebrate with us"

Escape has introduced lots of new treatments to the salon since taking over, including; reflexology, aromatherapy, COMCIT machine facials and sports massage, with plenty more exciting new things to come. They are also pleased to offer NHS workers a 20% discount.





## VACANCY

### 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.

Duties include attending regular council meetings where decisions which affect the parish are made, volunteering to be part of various committees and helping to organise the community events.

If you are interested – send a letter of application along, with a CV, to the Parish Clerk. [keith.gray6@btopenworld.com](mailto:keith.gray6@btopenworld.com)

### Can you spare an hour or so twice a year

Did you know that know that, your copy of Coldharbour News is delivered to your home by councillors and a small number of willing volunteers. We are seeking people to assist us with this. If you think you can help, please contact **The Fairford Leys Centre on 01296 422800**



### Inspiring communities to get gardening

Inspiring and supporting the local community to get gardening is at the heart of Hartwell nurseries, an independent and family run garden centre in Stone.

For over ten years, the experienced team have not only sourced the highest quality plants, flowers, garden supplies etc. for their local customers, but they have also supported a huge range of community events, groups and projects to inspire people of all ages and abilities try gardening. and this year will be sponsoring Fairford Leys Allotment Competition.

Most recently, Hartwell has assisted HMP Young Offenders Institute Aylesbury with its gardening initiative to help young men engage in new activities and boost their health and wellbeing. As well as expert advice, the team provided a variety of vegetable and flower seeds, compost and outdoor plants.

The team is also ready to kick off their first school gardening project with three local schools to encourage young children to get hands on with horticulture and learn new skills.

Hartwell has just announced that it is has chosen local charity, The Pace Centre, as its charity of the year and will be taking part in and running a series of events throughout 2022.

Get garden inspired with Hartwell Nurseries and together make a lasting difference within our community.

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# A Message from the Church on Fairford Leys

With Easter being quite late in the calendar this year, and the much improved weather at the moment, it feels as if spring and summer have arrived together. After what has seemed a particularly long and cold winter spell, and without much in the way of encouraging news at home or abroad, summer does tend to lift our spirits. Now we have longer hours of daylight, colour in our parks and gardens, and the chance to be out and about either at home or on holiday. The Easter service in the church this year was a real time of rejoicing, after the previous two years when gatherings were not possible. Although we have stayed in touch with congregation members via our streamed services, the numbers present in the building a Sunday morning remains low, due to infections and the need to continue to remain safe and well.

Easter Sunday saw more people present though, which gave us all a sense of joy and excitement. It's not about the numbers - Jesus said that when just two or three are gathered he is there with them - but we all need the company and support of one another. We have come to appreciate just how important it is to spend time in groups and social activities. As we return to some of our pre-Covid activities, I hope we will remember the importance of looking out for one another, and not just fill our diaries with the personal trips and activities that we have each put on hold. At the church we are again running our Wednesday morning service, starting at the slightly later time of 10am. This is followed by a social time, and then over

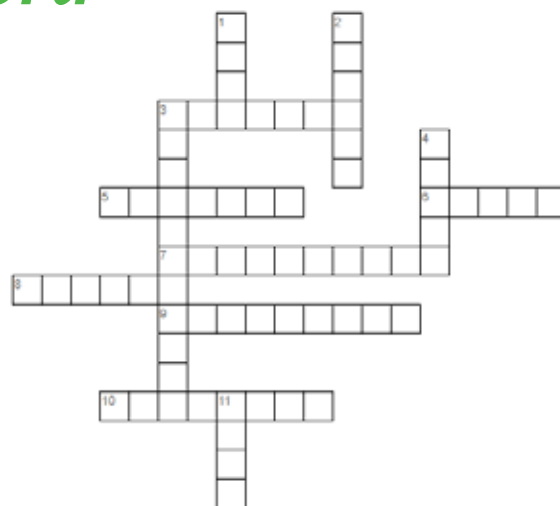


lunch another group gathers for their weekly get-together. We will shortly be offering a brief chair based exercise session to this lunchtime group. On Saturday mornings from 10am we are now meeting for coffee once more, and a new Tuesday afternoon drop-in from 1pm-3pm is proving popular with a variety of ages. Please do come along, or encourage anyone you know who is lonely, to take advantage of these times to be together and build new friendships.

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

## Community Crossword

Can you use your local knowledge to solve our quick crossword? Look out for road names, landmarks and events, the answers are all around you!



### Across

- 3 Football club, plays at the Bridge ( \_ Road)
- 5 Found at the races ( \_ Close)
- 6 Caesar's empire ( \_ Way)
- 7 Available to residents to grow vegetables and plants
- 8 \_\_\_\_\_ Rider, bus service
- 9 Stream which runs through Fairford Leys
- 10 Nearby Country House and Spa

### Down

- 1 Tall tree, common in Scotland ( \_ Street)
- 2 Fair in the \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 Chilly dock, parish name
- 4 Local school, not Joseph's
- 11 Very small brown bird, with big voice ( \_ Path)

# Fairford Leys WI

Please let me introduce myself, I have the great honour of being Fairford Leys WI Madam President since October 2021. I took over from the lovely Jane Rice who sailed us through the dark days of Covid19, keeping us together with a series of treats including cream teas and pretty pot plants all delivered to our doors, at a distance of course. But the most important thing was human contact - a phone call, a zoom call, just, how are you doing? We came out the other end all intact and knowing that there was always somebody there!

My story at FLWI started some 17 years ago when at 47 I was widowed and my friends decided I needed something to occupy myself. I was running a business, caring for four

grown-up children, and a very large garden which I adore, but I went along with the suggestion, thinking as many people do it would be flat shoes, tweed skirts and talks on the virtues of broccoli. How wrong could I have been? The ladies welcomed us with open arms and introduced us to the entertaining world of WI. I have listened to talks on subjects which I would never have given a second thought. Social evenings with foods from all around the world, practical skills, jewellery making, watercolours, and all with a group of ladies who are the most beautiful colours of the paintbox,... all different, but all enthusiastic about life. We now have an activity every Thursday of the month.

For WI members we have our monthly

theWI  
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meeting on the third Thursday of each month. We have a Craft Group for members only but our Knit 'n' Natter and our Eat 'n' Meet gatherings are both open to the community. If you are interested in joining us or trying one of our activities, please get in touch.

**Bev Edwards - President of FLWI**  
**Tel: 07831 88702**

## Community Knit And Natter

We meet on the first Thursday of each month 1pm - 3pm at Fairford Leys Community Centre. Cost is £1.00 which includes tea/coffee and a cake. In March we had 30 lovely ladies join us, our largest attendance so far and all were knitting/crocheting but most importantly having a really good natter.

Our Christmas stall was a great success. We were delighted that all our items sold and made a lovely profit of £120 which was donated to Fairford Leys W.I.

Our latest project for The Francis Children's Hospice in Manchester was for Chicks and Rabbits for their Easter egg appeal, we knitted a whopping amount of 174. Thank you ladies for knitting so many. We also have blankets, bonding squares, hats and cannula covers to take to Stoke Mandeville Baby Unit, plus Innocent drink bottle hats where proceeds of sales go to Age UK.

Our projects over the next few months will be to start making poppies for The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal, then dare I say knitting Christmas puddings, trees etc. for our stall again at Christmas on the Square.

So if you are at a loose end on the first Thursday of any month why not come along and meet our friendly ladies - remember you don't need to knit, all you do need is to be able to NATTER it will be so nice to see you. Please note in JUNE our meeting is Wednesday 1st as Thursday 2nd is a Bank Holiday.

**For more information contact Sandra on 07769995620 or Sylvia on 07709799311**



# St Mary's CE School Nursery

We are now accepting applications for funded places for September 2022.

Applications available from:  
St Mary's CE School  
Keen Close  
Fairford Leys  
Aylesbury  
01296 482094

**Website:** <https://www.st-marysayersbury.bucks.sch.uk>

**Twitter:** @stmarysayers



## Jonathan Page Play Centre

We've been having so much fun at the Jonathan Page Play Centre! We had a busy two weeks during our Easter Playscheme having fun, playing outside and creating lots of Easter crafts.

With the weather being warm and sunny we could make the most of all the outdoor toys, games and activities. The go-karts are one of our favourites!

During our second week of fun, we had a visit from the Aylesbury Wombles who do so much in our town. They came along to talk to us all about litter and how harmful it can be for our environment. We learnt lots and had great fun with them. We collected all the rubbish that we have at lunchtime in the Play Centre and thought about how we could reuse or reduce our waste. We also talked about Earth Day and what we can all do to look after the planet.

We've got lots to look forward to in the summer holidays. Summer Playscheme will take place from **22 July to 2 September**. We've heard the team here have lots of exciting things!

We'll be creating colourful carnival masks during Carnival Week, learning about well-known paintings in Famous Paintings Week, saying "ahoy!" to new friends during Pirates Week and designing our own telescopes plus much, much more!

Do you want to join in the fun? The team are super friendly and would love to chat with you. Give them a call on **01296 336413** or email [jpplaycentre@aylesburytowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:jpplaycentre@aylesburytowncouncil.gov.uk). We love meeting new faces!

We'd like to also give a special shout out to Beccy, Hannah, Fezi, Mary, Lisa, Karen and all the Casual Playworkers for looking after us and always making sure we're having a brilliant time at the Jonathan Page Play Centre.

# The Queens are coming!

Polish your crown and get ready for the multi award-winning musical phenomenon **SIX**, coming to **Aylesbury Waterside Theatre** for one week only from **Tue 12 – Sat 16 Jul**.

From Tudor Queens to Pop Princesses, the six wives of Henry VIII take to the mic to tell their tales, remixing five hundred years of historical heartbreak into an 80-minute celebration of 21st century girl power. These Queens may have green sleeves but their lipstick is rebellious red.

The new touring Queens will be played by **Chlöe Hart** (Catherine of Aragon), **Jennifer Caldwell** (Anne Boleyn), **Casey Al-Shaqsy** (Jane Seymour), **Aiesha Pease** (Anna of Cleves), **Jaina Brock-Patel** (Katherine Howard) and **Alana M Robinson** (Catherine Parr). **Grace Melville**, **LeesaTulley** and **Natalie Pilkington** will be joining the cast as alternates, with Super Swing **Harriet Caplan-Dean**. The cast are backed by the show's all-female band, **The Ladies in Waiting**.

Think you know the rhyme, think again....Divorced. Beheaded. LIVE!

## SIX FACTS:

**SIX** was nominated for five Olivier Awards including Best New Musical.

**SIX** won the BBC Radio 2 Audience Award for Best Musical at the Whatsonstage Awards.

**SIX** was invited to perform on the results show of ITV's 'Britain's Got Talent' and BBC's 'Children in Need Appeal Show'.

**SIX** celebrates the global success of its songs with over 300 million streams and over 3 billion views on TikTok.

**SIX** - the original studio album has officially turned Gold, marking over 100,000 sales in the UK.

**SIX** appears on a billboard during the opening scene of the 2021 film Spider-Man: Now Way Home.

Book now for this summer's hot ticket! Visit [www.atgtickets.com/aylesbury](http://www.atgtickets.com/aylesbury) or call **0844 871 7615\*** (\*calls cost up to 7p per min plus your phone company's access charge).



## COMPETITION TIME:

International jewel thief Gangsta Granny wants to steal the crown jewels. This is a right royal no no!

For your chance to see if she succeeds by winning 4 x tickets to the show on **Thu 28 Jul at 7pm** simply tell us who wrote **Gangsta Granny**:

- A) JK Rowling
- B) Roald Dahl
- C) David Walliams

To enter: email [marketingawt@theambassadors.com](mailto:marketingawt@theambassadors.com) with your name, answer and email address. Deadline for entries: **Tuesday 31st May**.





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# Music in the Square 2022

**BAR | LIVE MUSIC | BBQ**

**SEPTEMBER 3RD**

**DJ from 5pm Live Music from 7PM**

Featuring: Soul City | The Six Fiftys | Just Genesis  
with guest compère Buddy Ash

Kindly Supported by



A free community event organised by Coldharbour Parish Council

Poster by Cllr Andrew Cole

# Monthly Meetings of Coldharbour Parish Council



## Dates for the next full council meetings

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

- **Thur 2nd June**
- **Thur 7th July**
- **Thur 1st Sept**
- **Thur 6th Oct**

There is no meeting in August [www.coldharbour-pc.gov.uk](http://www.coldharbour-pc.gov.uk)

## Useful Numbers

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

## Midnight Walk returns for one last night



## Florence Nightingale Hospice Charity's annual Midnight Walk returns to Aylesbury for the final time after a two year hiatus on Saturday 16th July.

Since it began in 2010, the Midnight Walk has seen hundreds of men and women come together and take to the streets of Aylesbury, walking over 50,000 miles and raising over £650,000 for the charity over the years. But this will be the last opportunity to take part in the event.

The charity is hoping its local community will support their Farewell Midnight Walk, with walkers joining them to remember loved ones and support their local hospice as they walk the final miles for one last time.

Walkers can choose from 5 mile or 10 mile circular routes – both starting from Aylesbury College at midnight on Saturday 16th July, with refreshments at pit stops along the way. Each walker will also receive a commemorative Farewell Midnight Walk 2022 T-shirt, as well as a Finisher's medal and complimentary breakfast at the end of the walk.

For more information and to sign up, please visit [www.fnhospice.org.uk/midnightwalk](http://www.fnhospice.org.uk/midnightwalk) or call 01296 429975



**The 3 Peaks Challenge Series**

**Step up and make a difference**

**National 3 Peaks 3 Day Challenge - May 6th - 9th**

**National 3 Peaks 24hr Challenge - June 18th - 20th**

**Yorkshire 3 Peaks Challenge - July 17th**

**National 3 Peaks 3 Day Challenge - Aug 19th - 22nd**

Sign up at [thepacecentre.org/3peaks](http://thepacecentre.org/3peaks)

**Pace**  
Specialist education and therapy for children with motor disorders

Charity No. 101133



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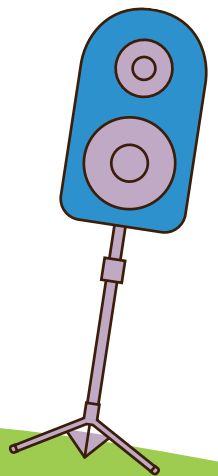
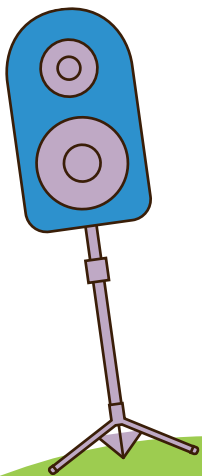
# the big lunch

Don't forget to bring your own picnic

**IN THE SQUARE**

**SUNDAY 5TH JUNE 2022**  
**12 'TIL 3PM**

**CELEBRATE WITH YOUR COMMUNITY**  
**MUSIC & DANCING | FOOD & DRINK**



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