

# Coldharbour News

The Coldharbour Parish Council Newsletter

November 2022

A decorative sprig of holly leaves and red berries.

## Christmas in the Square

**Saturday 10th December 2022**

**4pm - 6pm**

A cartoon illustration of Santa Claus in a red suit and hat, holding a large sign.

**See Father Christmas  
arrive on his sleigh and  
visit him in his grotto**

**Join in community  
singing with the  
Aylesbury Community  
Band and joint school  
choirs**

**Shop for Christmas at  
outdoor craft stalls**

**Enjoy a glass of mulled  
wine and a mince pie  
served by our own WI**



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# Coldharbour



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Front cover by Cllr Tom Andrew

## Community events

The community events organised by the council this year have been a great success.

### The Big Jubilee Lunch

On a rather cloudy Sunday afternoon in June, we joined together for a Big Picnic Lunch to celebrate the Queens Platinum Jubilee. In typical British style, the weather and even the odd shower of rain did not dampen the enthusiasm of the residents of Fairford Leys. Mums, dads, grannies, grandads and numerous children brought along their picnics to share together to pay tribute to our wonderful Queen. Music was provided by Cllr Andrew Cole Chairman of the council and a good time was had by all. See pictures on page 5.

### Fair in the Square

We are so pleased to be able to tell you that we have always been lucky with the weather for Fair in the Square, and this year was no exception. We were delighted to bring back this highly popular and much looked forward to event which was well supported by the community. With roundabouts and rides, swings and slides and much more, there was something for everyone to enjoy, and our council run bar and barbeque was very popular all the afternoon. Our thanks to the centre and maintenance staff for their hard work. We could not do it without you. See pictures on page 6.

### Music in the Square

On Saturday 3rd of September, it was a delight to bring back Music in the Square after 2 years away due to lockdown, and whilst hosting online last year was fun it's not the same as real Live Music. It seems our sponsors were also keen to get the show back in the square. Aylesbury Logistics provided our trailer/stage, Moonlite Productions took care of sound and lighting and Window Worx were our stage sponsors this year. Our Drums were provided by XYZ Studio, The Bar was sponsored by Michael Anthony Estate agents with the BBQ being sponsored by Grass & Holm and Infinity Building & Renovations making sure we had plenty of beer.

The night of course is about the music and our three bands didn't let us down, first up were The Six Fifty's and when your first group opens with Hotel California you know it is going to be an amazing evening. They were followed by Just Genesis playing all their great hits that had the crowd wanting more and more they got it! Our headliners Soul City blew everyone away, performing classic soul, disco and funk. Everyone got into the party mood and boy does Fairford Leys know how to party. This was all held together by our brilliant Compère Buddy Ash who kept the crowd entertained throughout.

My thanks to all our sponsors and performers, our Clerk and Councillors as well as the Maintenance Team and Centre Staff who not only helped behind the scenes but also are amazing at flipping burgers pulling pints and making sure the event is safe for everyone. See pictures on page 7.

Bring on next year!!

### Remembrance Service



Our annual Service of Remembrance was held in the Square at 11am on Sunday 13th November. Wreaths were laid by Chairman Cllr Andrew Cole and other representatives of the community. This is an opportunity for residents to come together to remember those who lost their lives in conflicts past and present.

The wreaths were left on display for those wishing to see them.

# Fair Parish Council News

## Barnardo's Charity Shop



We were sad to say goodbye to Francesca Khamas who has successfully run the charity shop on Fairford Leys for several years. Francesca is moving on to further her career and we would like to thank her for her contribution to the community and to wish her every success in the future.

The charity are working hard to find a new manager but in the meantime, PLEASE do not leave donations outside as these are not collected by the charity and are disposed of by our maintenance team. This means extra work for the team and your donations are wasted. It is also classed as Fly tipping.

## Dog waste

Fairford Leys residents certainly love their dogs and most are responsible for clearing up after them; our maintenance team dispose of vast quantities every week. However we are receiving an increasing number of complaints about irresponsible owners who allow their pets to foul the pavements and sometimes even their doormats!! PLEASE remember your disposal bag when out walking your dog and put it in in one of the many bins provided. It is a criminal offence not to clean up after your dog.



## Chairman's Message

Welcome to the November edition of the Coldharbour News; it really has been a busy summer for the Council.

In May we celebrated the Queen's Platinum Jubilee with a bring your own picnic, music and a showing of the Queen's Coronation the weather was as little hit and miss but it was lovely to see so many of you. This event has been made even more poignant following the sad passing of our beloved monarch on the 8th of September. In July we finally got back to hosting 'Fair in the Square' after a 2-year absence due to lockdown and it was lovely to see so many of you, the weather again smiled on us, and it was just like old times. At the beginning of September, we hosted our fabulous evening of live music 'Music in the Square' with 3 fabulous bands and guest compere, and I think it's safe to say a great night was had by all. There are plenty of pictures from all our events in this edition.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank our Clerk, Councillors, Maintenance Team and Centre Staff for all the hard work and support they give; without them these events would never happen.

Due to the Queen's passing it was my honour to read the Proclamation which is the announcement of the accession which took place upon the death of the reigning monarch. It was a very humbling thing to be asked to do and certainly not something I will ever forget. Around 50 residents attended the Proclamation which was held in the square. See details on page 4. Looking forward towards December and I hope to see many of you at Christmas in the Square, be sure to bring your singing voices as we welcome Father Christmas to the village and join as a community to celebrate Christmas.

The council continues to meet with HS2 and its contractors regularly to make sure they are being 'good neighbours' as well as dealing with the day-to-day issues faced by our residents. Don't forget our public meetings continue to be held at the community centre on the first Thursday of each month at 8pm all are welcome.

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

## Christmas in the Square

Most of you will be aware of our Christmas event in the Square. This is an opportunity to bring together families and friends of all ages to sing a few carols led by Chairman Andrew Cole, together with the Aylesbury Community Band and joint school choirs, to visit local craft stalls, enjoy a glass of mulled wine and **best of all for the children to visit Santa**. This is a completely free event sponsored by your parish council, so come along and enjoy a festive start to the Christmas season.



## Meet your New Councillor

I have been a resident of Aylesbury for almost 3 years. My wife and I decided on the area as we really enjoy everything it has to offer and we have found a lovely home in Fairford Leys.

Currently I am employed as an engineer; also I have been volunteering to be a lead buddy in my workplace. This role is to provide mental health support to teammates.

In the past, I was a landscaper and worked in London as a team leader and trainer.

I live a very active life as well as fast-paced working environment.

**Cllr Adrian Hritcan**



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# Proclamation of King Charles III

**With the sad death of our Queen Elizabeth II chairman Cllr Andrew Cole was privileged to make the following proclamation to the residents of Fairford Leys**



We come together this afternoon following the passing of our late Sovereign, Queen Elizabeth the Second. Our sadness at this time is shared by people across the globe, as we remember with affection and gratitude the lifetime of service given by our longest reigning Monarch.

But the basis on which our monarchy is built has ensured that through the centuries the Crown has passed in an unbroken line of succession. Today's ceremony marks the formal Proclamation to the people of the Parish of Coldharbour (Fairford Leys) of the beginning of our new King's reign.

The Accession Council met at St. James's Palace to proclaim our new Sovereign. The flags which had flown at half-mast since The Queen's death were raised briefly to their full height to mark the start of His Majesty's reign.

The Accession Council also made an Order requiring High Sheriffs to cause the Proclamation to be read in the areas of their jurisdiction. The High Sheriff of Buckinghamshire discharged that duty earlier today and now, it is my humble duty, to bring the words of the Proclamation to the

residents of the Parish of Coldharbour (Fairford Leys).

The proclamation of the new Sovereign is a very old tradition which can be traced back over many centuries. The ceremony does not create a new King. It is simply an announcement of the accession which took place immediately on the death of the reigning monarch.

In an age where modern methods of communication convey news around the globe in an instant, the proclamation is no longer the means by which people learn for the first time that they have a new Monarch. Today, however, is one of the first occasions when communities have an opportunity to come together and reflect on the moment in our nation's history when the reign of our longest-serving Monarch came to an end and our new Sovereign succeeded.

## **The Proclamation:**

*Whereas it has pleased Almighty God to call to His Mercy our late Sovereign Lady Queen Elizabeth the Second of Blessed and Glorious Memory,*

*by whose Decease the Crown of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland is solely and rightfully come to The Prince Charles Philip Arthur George: We, therefore, the Lords Spiritual and Temporal of this Realm and Members of the House of Commons, together with other members of Her late Majesty's Privy Council and representatives of the Realms and Territories, Aldermen and Citizens of London, and others, do now hereby with one voice and Consent of Tongue and Heart publish and proclaim that The Prince Charles Philip Arthur George is now, by the Death of our late Sovereign of Happy Memory, become our only lawful and rightful Liege Lord Charles the Third, by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and of His other Realms and Territories, King, Head of the Commonwealth, Defender of the Faith, to whom we do acknowledge all Faith and Obedience with humble Affection; beseeching God by whom Kings and Queens do reign to bless His Majesty with long and happy Years to reign over us.*

Given at St. James's Palace this Tenth day of September in the year of Our Lord Two thousand and twenty-two.

**GOD SAVE THE KING**





# Summer events in the Square



We are pleased to be able to show you pictures of the three major events in the square organised by Coldharbour Parish Council this summer.

## The Big Jubilee Lunch on Sunday 5th June







# Summer events in the Square

## Fair in the Square on Saturday 9th July





# Summer events in the Square



## Music in the Square on Saturday 3rd September





# Fairford Leys Centre News Update

And in the blink of an eye, it is Christmas and time to reflect on a year of challenge and change. Who would have thought that in the same year as we celebrated the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, we would also sadly be marking her passing and celebrating King Charles III.

The lifting of Covid restrictions has meant that the centre is now working on a more 'normal' basis, children's birthday parties are taking place most Saturdays and Sundays with the occasional larger event such as wedding anniversaries and quiz nights.

Sadly, as we can see from the constant newspaper headlines the increasing utility prices and general cost of living is putting household budgets under pressure. **The community centre will once again be offering a Mug of Tea or Coffee in a warm environment for £1; we hope that we may get to see some of you here.**



Our Monday morning Adventure Babies class has unfortunately closed but we are fortunate to have two new hirers the first is FiteClub Training between 9-3- & 10-30 on a Wednesday morning and a new Zumba Class between 10-30 & 11-30 on Saturday mornings.

If you would like to enquire about hiring our halls, please contact us on 01296 422800 or email: [info@fairfordleyscentre.org.uk](mailto:info@fairfordleyscentre.org.uk).

So as 2023 approaches, still with an air of uncertainty, all that remains is for me to send you Seasons Greetings and best wishes for the New Year.

**Andy Barnett - Manager**

## Grounds Maintenance update November 2022

**1:** The grass cutting will soon be coming to an end, and 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. We have also removed the cherry trees on certain pathways; these sadly have failed and were dying, so we are replacing with a more appropriate tree species.

**2:** Winter bedding will soon be coming in; we hope you have enjoyed seeing the summer baskets on your daily journeys. They will be replaced with the winter bedding at the end of October.



**3:** Weed spraying is ongoing, as and when the weather allows.

**4:** We are still seeing an increase in vandalism and graffiti, if you see anything that is damaged or tagged, please let us know on 01296 422800 and we will do our best to repair the

damage, and remove the graffiti as soon as possible.

**5:** May I take this opportunity to wish you all a very Happy Christmas from the Maintenance team.

**Steve Webb - Grounds Maintenance Manager**



# Fairford Leys WI

Well, this is not the first image of WI that comes to mind when you think of WI Ladies!! Not a twinset and pearls in sight. Last month two groups of us visited the Greatmoor Energy from Waste facility. After a short talk we were clad in colour co-ordinating outfits with matching hard hats and beautiful steel toed boots, to be shown the secret world of waste...it was a real eye opener!!



The summer was filled with a trip to the Flower Moat at the Tower of London and the V & A Museum, both very stunning but we booked for the hottest day of the year and had to carry on in true British Spirit!!! The words "Mad Dogs and Englishmen" come to mind. One saving grace was that the coach was air-conditioned!!!



theWI  
INSPIRING WOMEN

During the last six months we have reached our maximum of 60 ladies and have had to start a waiting list....but all is not lost; we can offer two groups on first and second Thursday of the month which are open to the community and give you a taster what we are all about; Knit n natter (first Thursday in the month) 1-3pm which also includes a piece of home-made cake and tea for one pound. Meet n Eat (second Thursday in the month) 1-3pm which also includes tea and cake for one pound. Just bring your own lunch, hot or cold, and spend a couple of hours in the company of like-minded people. No need to book a table!

Look forward to seeing you very soon.

**Bev Edwards - President of FLWI**

## 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 and cake.

Our latest project has been to knit poppies for The Royal British Legion. Ladies you have you have made a staggering 149 poppies for The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal - thank you. Starting from October we will be knitting for our Christmas Stall at Christmas in the Square on Saturday 10th December, where we will be selling our knitted items to raise monies for a local charity.

So if you are at a loose end on the 1st Thursday of any month why not come along and meet our friendly ladies - remember you do not need to be able to knit all you do need is to be able to NATTER. It will be so nice to see you. For more information contact Sandra on 07769995620 or Sylvia on 0770979931.

**Sylvia Barnard - Community Knit and Natter**





# Village News

## Allotment Competition



We would like to thank Cllr Nick Blandford for organising the allotment competition this year. There were some very well maintained plots out there and the judges had a difficult decision to make. We would like to extend our thanks to the following for carrying out the judging.-

- Neal Bonham
- Steve Webb
- Hartwell Nurseries

This year the prizes were kindly donated by Hartwell Nurseries and were presented at Fair in the Square, by Chairman Cllr Andrew Cole. The winners were:-

- 1st - Mr Applegate
- 2nd - Mr & Mrs McNicholas
- 3rd - Mr Crawley

*Pictures by Hartwell Garden Centre*

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### Brimmers Way Adult Gym

This summer saw the installation and opening of the refurbished playpark on Brimmers Way to an Adult open air gym. There was funding available from the Aylesbury Community Board for projects of this specific nature and (after gaining Parish Council approval) I wrote a bid in conjunction with Buckingham Park to fund this new gym.

Installation was really quick and people managed to use it before the formal opening in August, right in the peak of the heatwave. The gym was formally opened by Parish Council Chairman Cllr Andrew Cole.



### Brimmers Way Footpath

You may have noticed the footpath alongside the riverine corridor in Brimmers Way has been resurfaced. Our local Buckinghamshire Cllrs Sarah James, Adam Poland-Goodyer & Steven Lambert have been lobbying for this for a while as it has failed for a number of years. There are other areas where footpaths have failed and we are now lobbying for these to be repaired also.

You will also have noticed that several large pot holes on Great Meadow Way have been repaired.

### Pavement Parking

It has been noticed that a lot of residents are using pavements to park their vehicles. It is worth reminding people that this is illegal and residents could be fined for parking on pavements, even if it is outside their property. Pavements and highways are under the domain of Buckinghamshire Council and they have been known to enforce these rules in other areas of the county. This also goes for areas that are bollarded off. These are emergency accesses for blue light vehicles and as vehicles would have to mount the pavement to park behind them, cars and vans could also get fined.



## Arcott Way

Parking on Arcott Way has been a contentious issue. There have been major and minor setbacks. But we are hoping that yellow lines will be installed before spring 2023 as we have managed to find funding from another source. We are hoping this will solve the issue. If it does not, we will find other ways to make this gateway to Fairford Leys safer for all residents and visitors.

## Fix my Street

If you notice a streetlight out, especially as we come into winter or something wrong on the highway, please report via fix my street, search online or download the app. These get allocated to our local Bucks Council maintenance team to resolve and your local Buckinghamshire Cllrs also get a report through to follow up on.

**Cllr Adam Poland –Goodyer  
– Parish and Buckinghamshire  
Councillor for Aylesbury West**



# THAMES VALLEY POLICE

First I would like to start by introducing the new Team Members, from the last update. PC Norman, has left for her Maternity Leave being replaced by PC Gent. We have been joined by PCSO Yasmina Sinani.

We are approaching that time of year, for Halloween and Bon Fire Night. For some, it is a magical part of the year, however for some, it is seen as an opportunity to cause Anti-Social Behaviour. Plans are already in place, for proactive high visibility patrols, to deal with any reports of this nature. However we would like everyone to enjoy this period, without our specific involvement.

Unfortunately there has been a rise of Theft from Motor Vehicles, across Aylesbury, including Fairford Leys. Can

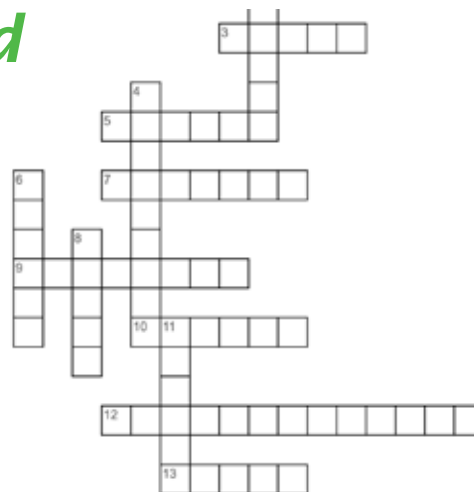
we remind residents not to leave items in vehicles or on show? Additionally we have become aware, that some people intentionally leave their vehicles unlocked, fearing it is better to do this, than to have a window smashed or damage caused another way. Can we strongly urge people to ensure their vehicles are locked and secure at all times and not willingly become a victim of a pointless crime?

**May I end, in wishing you  
all a Happy Christmas  
and coming New Year.**

**PCSO Andrew White  
– Thames Valley Police**

## Community Crossword

THIS TIME THE  
CROSSWORD IS ALL  
ABOUT CHRISTMAS.  
HOW QUICKLY  
CAN YOU FIND THE  
ANSWERS?



### Across

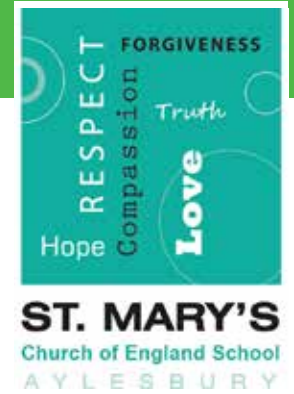
- 1 \_\_\_\_\_ a leaping at Christmas
- 3 Found outside, below freezing
- 5 Small Christmas tree decoration
- 7 Not quite a beard (\_Hill)
- 9 Flowering plant grown from bulb that appears in January
- 10 Beauty Salon, Hampden Square
- 12 Area of London, home to Harrods (\_Place)
- 13 Deck the hall with boughs of...

### Down

- 2 Type of fir tree, popular at Christmas (\_Road)
- 4 Found in a 'pear tree' at Christmas
- 6 River that borders New Jersey and Manhattan, New (\_Mews)
- 8 Too many of these spoil the broth (\_ Road)
- 11 Santa's transport



# St Mary's CE School



It is hard to believe that we are already halfway through the Autumn Term and fast approaching the festive season. Time certainly flies when you are having fun!

The Autumn Term as always is an extremely busy one for St Mary's as it is in most schools. However, the children have settled well back into school life, and we have welcomed our new Reception cohort into the St Mary's family. We have also welcomed new staff into the amazing team, and they have worked hard to not only provide great learning experiences but learn the St Mary's way of working.

As many of you may know, we are part of a multi-academy trust, the Oxford Diocese Buckinghamshire Schools Trust (ODBST), which is a group of schools that work together to support all its pupils and staff to achieve their best.

We joined the ODBST in July 2020, at the start of the pandemic, and we

were unable to celebrate properly, however, at the end of September we held a very special Collective Worship to mark the event. To help us celebrate we welcomed members of the ODBSTs central team as well as The Bishop of Buckingham, Alan Wilson; Bishop Alan, who is also a trustee of the ODBST and Chair of the Oxford Diocese Board of Education gave a very informative talk to the children on what life was like as a bishop as well as welcoming us, formally, to the ODBST. To celebrate the children performed some beautiful songs and the newly elected house captains reminded us all of our 6 Christian values that we endeavour to follow in our day to day lives – Respect, Hope, Compassion, Truth, Love and Forgiveness. The Bishop also had a tour of the school and was very impressed with the provision we offer and how the children were focussed on learning.

This year we are looking forward to being involved in many of the

community events that the Parish Council organise and, when they happen, I hope to see some of you there.

Take care and stay safe

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



## **Are you looking for a Nursery place for Jan 2023 or Apr 2023?**

**St Mary's School Nursery has a limited number of morning sessions (8:30-11:30) and good availability of afternoon session (12:30-15:30).**

**We also run a lunch club with limited spaces from 11:30-12:30 at £5.00 per session (pre booking is essential)**

**If you are interested in applying for a space for your child, please contact the school office for an application form. [office@sma.odbst.org](mailto:office@sma.odbst.org)**



# A Christmas Message from the Church on Fairford Leys

**“The people who walk in darkness will see a great light. For those who live in a land of deep darkness, a light will shine.” Isaiah 9:2**

As we approach the winter of 2022, that verse from the prophet Isaiah seems to speak very directly to our situation. We might well say that we are living in a land, a country, and even a world of deep darkness. There is uncertainty all around, and little to bring us hope. Crisis seems to pile upon crisis.

Two thousand years ago, a family faced problems with transport, government bureaucracy, accommodation shortages, and lack of access to basic health care. Jesus was born into the midst of conflict, poverty and turmoil. As we approach this Christmas, we might say that not much has changed. The daily reporting of COVID-19 statistics has moved down the agenda, although cases still remain worryingly high around the world. More recent news is about fuel and food shortages, soaring energy costs, inflation, economic uncertainty, and energy supply cuts, with the real prospect of a cold and dark winter for some.

So what is different today from Bethlehem, all those years ago? Only the biggest change since the start of human history; a change of approach, and the arrival of a new set of possibilities; a change which really did bring a lasting solution. Of course there have been many such turning points along the way. One commentator describes how humanity’s lot remained more or less unchanged from the end of the ice age until about 250 years ago. The industrial revolution signalled the start of our move towards a more productive, affluent, and perhaps more fulfilling lifestyle. The problem is it also marked the start of what we now call the climate emergency. One step forward and two steps back? This so often seems to be the case as we try to tackle the big problems. And we know that even if we take action today, the problem will remain with us for centuries if not millennia.

The world of Bethlehem and Nazareth also faced a long-standing problem. A quick fix, an instant correction was not possible. But the foundations were laid for a way forward. It still requires us to be involved, but even when we get it wrong, it’s now a case of two steps forward and one step back. It will be a sad thing if we face Christmas Day in the cold or the dark. It may dull our celebrations a little, it should make



us even more concerned to check up on our neighbours, who really might need a warm welcome this year. But it will have no effect on the fundamental meaning of Christmas - that God began his rescue plan for the world, and that life changed forever, for the better.

You may wish to join us over the Advent and Christmas season as we celebrate that. Please note some changes this year - the Christingle and Carol services will take place on Sunday mornings, at our usual service time of 10.30am. Christmas Day falls on a Sunday this year, and our short family service will begin at the earlier time of 10.00am

Let’s remember that it is a time of thanksgiving and rejoicing that the light of Christ came into the darkness of the world, and that his light can never be extinguished.

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

		<b>The Church on Fairford Leys</b> <b>Christmas Programme 2022</b>			
<b>27th Nov</b>		<b>10.30 am</b>	<b>Christingle Service</b>		
<b>4th Dec</b>		<b>10.30 am</b>	<b>Family Service</b>		
<b>11th Dec</b>		<b>10.30 am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>		
<b>18th Dec</b>		<b>10.30 am</b>	<b>Carol Service</b>		
<b>Sat 24th Dec</b>		<b>4.00 pm</b> <b>11.30 pm</b>	<b>Christmas Eve</b> <b>Crib Service</b> <b>Holy Communion</b>		
<b>Sun 25th Dec</b>		<b>10.00 am</b>	<b>Christmas Day</b> <b>Family Service</b>		
		<b>We invite you and your family to join us for worship over the Christmas season.</b>			
					



# Our Community Christmas Wish



Although it feels a little bit early to mention this I am sure in the blink of an eye Christmas will be here!

Many of you know me locally as a long standing member of Coldharbour Parish Council, a role which I love and get lots of enjoyment from. Aside from being a Parish Councillor I have also been the Head of Aylesbury Vale Academy Primary for the last 4

academic years. I am proud to work in a school which is so family and community orientated. We support local, national and international causes at the school and our staff are committed to making a difference to others.

In December 2020 (during the pandemic) we became increasingly aware of families that were struggling both emotionally and financially. As a direct result of this we realised that for many children Christmas was going to be a difficult rather than magical time. That is when Berryfields Parish Council and Aylesbury Vale Academy joined forces to ensure that every child in our school community and their siblings received a gift at Christmas. We started a pledge and fondly named it 'Our Community Christmas Wish' in which we would ensure that no child would go without presents at this special time of year. On 23rd December 2020 the AVA staff 'elves' delivered over 50 presents to children across Aylesbury. We also provided 30 Christmas food hampers to families with children at Aylesbury Vale Academy. This was solely funded by Berryfields Parish Council and donations from the school staff.

Over the course of the next year we knew that we had to carry on with our wish and decided to expand to help children and families from other local schools. In December 2021 the need for help had increased and we were able to provide Christmas Gifts for over 100 children with the help of Berryfields Parish Council, Councillor James (a Fairford Leys resident), Bucks Radio and the amazing staff at AVA. Again on 23rd December 2021 we delivered bags of gifts and food hampers to children and families in our community and the surrounding areas.

In many cases these deliveries are all the families have at Christmas and they make a bleak time more enjoyable and special. The wish of every parent that I have worked with is to be able to provide for their family and to see their child open a gift on Christmas morning.

This year the need has increased once again, we are all feeling the impact of the rising cost of living and for this reason we are reaching out further for help.

Our aim is to increase our gift list to 150 local children in December 2022 and to also provide food hampers through our friends at the Roman Park Food Bank. We have already had sponsorship pledged from Exterior Solutions, (run by a local Fairford Leys resident) who are keen to help us grow and support our local children. Help like this will make a huge difference – thank you.

We would be grateful for help to make this year even more special and are reaching out to our local community for assistance. We need donations for ages 2years-15years, these need to be new toys, toiletries, pyjamas, chocolate selection boxes, wrapping paper, sellotape, tags, Christmas bags, footballs or rugby balls, board games, puzzles, jigsaws, stationary, books, craft sets, dolls, rucksacks, lunchboxes, water bottles, Lego, baking sets, dressing up items, gold coins, sweeties and Christmas crackers.

For our food parcels we would love donations of non-perishable goods such as:

Christmas puddings, Christmas cake, Stuffing, gravy granules, tinned vegetables, tinned soups, tinned fruit, tinned custard, tinned tuna/fish/ham/corned beef, crackers, biscuits, long-life items, packet trifle or cake mixes.

**Please drop any donations to Fairford Leys Community Centre, Hampden Square, Aylesbury, HP19 7HT or Roman Park Hall, Sir Henry Lee Crescent, Aylesbury HP18 0YT.**

If you would be interested in pledging financial support please email Councillor Sarah James on [sarah.james@buckinghamshire.gov.uk](mailto:sarah.james@buckinghamshire.gov.uk)

Thank you in advance for making the lives of so many children happier, the difference you will make by supporting this cause really is heart-warming and although the children are not aware of where the gifts come from the magic of Christmas is still alive for them all.

**Cllr (and Head Teacher) Baughan**





# Useful Information



## 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](http://www.coldharbour-pc.gov.uk)

**There is no meeting in January**

## Local charity brings a dash of Christmas to Aylesbury



**Florence Nightingale**  
HOSPICE CHARITY

Florence Nightingale Hospice Charity is bringing its popular Santa Dash event to Aylesbury this year, to coincide with the town's Santa Parade on Sunday 21st November.

Santa Dashers will be able to choose between running, jogging, scooting or walking their way around a 2.5km or 5km circular route around the town to raising money for local hospice care.

Claire Redrup, Community Fundraising Manager, commented "We are so pleased to be part of launch of Christmas in Aylesbury this year. This will be our first public event since March 2020 and we can't wait to see families and friends out in their best Christmas outfits, enjoying themselves, all in a good cause."

Every 'Dasher' will receive a Santa hat, medal and the chance to take part in the Santa Parade, as well as making it straight onto Santa's 'nice' list for supporting a local charity.

Tickets are just £12 for adults and £7 for children. For full details and to register for the Santa Dash, visit the Charity's website at [www.fnhospice.org.uk/santadash](http://www.fnhospice.org.uk/santadash)



## 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

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# Who's ready for a magic carpet ride into Christmas?!

It's the most wonderful time of the year, and for most families the most wonderful tradition is to enjoy a pantomime together – oh yes it is!

The Waterside annual offering has fast become a 'must-do' in the Christmas calendar with panto lovers young and old(er!) enjoying 2 hours of pure escapism. This year's production is set to be no exception as festive wishes are ready to be granted when **Aladdin** comes to town from Fri 2 Dec 2022 – Mon 2 Jan 2023.

Every pantomime thrives on a dastardly villain, and **Davood Ghadami** from EastEnders and Holby City is

putting on the baddie boots this year to play the evil Abanazar. He is in good company with two of Bucks' favourites, funnyman **Andy Collins** from BBC 3 Counties Breakfast Show playing the loveable Wishee Washee, and glamorous redhead **La Voix** from Britain's Got Talent playing Widow Twankey, the sparkiest panto 'mum' with a powerhouse voice that will bring the cave down!

Aladdin tells the magical story of good prevailing over evil – but it takes an action-packed adventure and a swooning love story to get there! See Aladdin meet Princess Jasmine, have your ribs tickled by the mother and son



duo of Widow Twankey and Wishee Washee, and get ready to see how much fun can be had when you rub the magic lamp!



## Santa's Magical Gift

### Did you know...

The Waterside also has a smaller studio space that will be playing from 14 – 24 Dec. Perfect for ages 3+ this heart-warming festive story includes audience participation, energetic comedy routines and a free present for every child from Santa!



## To Book

[Atgtickets.com/Aylesbury](https://atgtickets.com/Aylesbury)\* Box Office: 0844 871 7615\*

For all the latest behind-the-scenes gossip follow:

Facebook: @aylesburywatersidetheatre

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\*Fees apply. Calls cost up to 7p per minute plus your phone company's access charge.

Alison Trimming – Waterside Theatre