

Coldharbour News

The Coldharbour Parish Council Newsletter

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If you would like to become a parish councillor please contact the Clerk to the Council.

News from the Clerk

New Councillors

Two residents have just been co-opted as Parish Councillors. They are Mr Adam Poland and Mr Matt Wilde. We look forward to working with them and will value their input to parish council and Fairford Leys community affairs and administration.

Property Covenants – changes to property and planning applications

We are including this article again as the Clerk has had a number of retrospective applications for ECT Covenant Permission.

Although you may be permitted to make changes to your property under planning laws and permitted development regulations – you still need to contact Coldharbour Parish Council to gain permission under the Ernest Cook Trust Covenants which the parish council manage and control. This affects any changes to your property including installations of any kind that affect, especially the front of your property and the overall street scene.

A number of planning applications have been either changed, withdrawn or disallowed under proposed plans to change the fronts of properties in such a way as to alter the overall design of the property or affect the street scene.

Please contact the Clerk to the Parish Council for advice before you make any changes. Failure to gain permission under the ECT Covenants will affect any sale of your property as solicitors normally pick up on the fact that permission should have been granted by the parish council for things such as conservatories, building changes and especially garage conversions.

Garage conversions are also subject to Aylesbury Vale District Council (AVDC) planning regulations and you need to obtain both planning permission (because of the loss of vehicle parking space) from AVDC

and also obtain “Covenant Permission” from Coldharbour Parish Council. These are two very separate permissions.

Planning and Garage Conversions

If you look at various social websites such as Facebook, you will see that many people have a view on what is allowed under planning and especially on Fairford Leys. Residents are strongly advised to seek correct advice from the relevant Local Authority and Planning Authority. The parish council has, for many years, constantly communicated the process for planning and has been extremely clear on the regulations.

If you wish to carry out any work on your property in Fairford Leys then you must seek permission under the Ernest Cook Trust Covenants which the parish council manage. You must also ensure you have the right Planning and Building Regulations Permission from AVDC. Do not simply take advice from a builder as it is your responsibility to ensure the correct permissions are in place. If you wish to convert a garage you have to have further planning approval from AVDC as there is a planning restriction on garage conversions on Fairford Leys. Some will be allowed and some will not. This depends on the size of your property and the number of parking spaces allocated to that property. If you remove a space e.g., your garage, then you must be able to show that you can park a vehicle within the curtilage of your property.

The parish council will not give permission for garage conversions that result in the garage door being removed if your garage faces the street. You must ensure that the garage door remains with any, permitted, changes to the garage from the back of the property.

For further advice please contact AVDC Planning Department or the Clerk to the Parish Council 01296 422800.

PLEASE NOTE: If you proceed without planning permission you could find that

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AVDC Enforcement Officers will visit the property and you may have to apply for Retrospective Planning Permission from AVDC and to the parish council for ECT Covenant Permission. **If you do not obtain permission you may be forced to return the property back to its original state.**

Land Adoption and Riverine Corridor

We still await formal land adoption by AVDC with a discussion on transfer to the parish council.

More responsibility for Parish Councils

The Devolved Services project which the Parish Council signed in March, to manage certain aspects of maintenance with a devolved budget, is working well and there are plans for further discussions on Devolved Services.

Thanks to the Maintenance Team

We think you will agree that the baskets and planters around the village and square have been particularly beautiful this year and we would like to say a big thank you to our Maintenance Team who have worked so hard to maintain them to such a high standard.

MVAS Report

Several Section 59 Warnings have been issued by police and all relate to local residents. There have been 6 speed action events by police mainly on Arcott Way and Fairford Leys Way resulting in tickets being issued. Some local residents had their vehicles stopped and were given advice by traffic police. Speeding still occurs and the parish council continue to liaise with the police for a zero tolerance in dealing with these and other anti-social or criminal matters involving speeding vehicles.

New Benches across Fairford leys

The parish council is considering a request from a resident for benches to be provided across Fairford Leys. We are obtaining quotes and looking at suitable designs before a decision is made. We envisage approximately 6 benches and a seating area at the bus-stop near the co-op.

IF YOU HAVE ANY THOUGHTS ON WHERE YOU WOULD LIKE THESE BENCHES INSTALLED PLEASE SEND YOUR COMMENTS TO THE CLERK TO THE COUNCIL BY THE END OF DECEMBER 2015. keith.gray6@btopenworld.com

Keith Gray - Clerk to Coldharbour Parish Council

Grounds Maintenance Update

The team have been busy over the last few months watering the summer bedding. We hope you enjoyed the colourful baskets. We changed suppliers this year and I think the results speak for themselves! We would like to thank the WI for planting up the bandstand planters as part of the WI 100 year celebrations. We have had a lot of feedback from residents saying how all the flowers help to brighten up the Village. The nights are drawing in and soon it will be time to put out the winter bedding and to prepare for our autumn and winter events.



We recently took on Devolved Services from BCC for grass cutting and weeds for the village and some you will have noticed the team out with spraying equipment and strimmers to tackle the worst affected areas. Please be patient as we have only just started this project and it will take time for the team to get on top of the situation.

We have continued to remove rubbish from the riverine corridor and on the banks and surrounding paths and parks as and when the weather permits. Please can I ask that if you see any rubbish that has been missed by the team, let me know so that we can remove it as quickly as possible. Tel. 01296 422800. We are continuing with the maintenance of the play areas scheduled for this year, painting railings, weeding beds and fixing and cleaning play equipment where necessary.

Dog fouling continues to be a problem, although we have seen improvements in some areas. We have 18 dog waste bins in the village which are emptied twice a week. We are monitoring the worst affected areas where inconsiderate owners do not pick up after their dogs. If you know of an area which is badly affected, please let us know so that we can inform the Environmental Agency who will notify the dog warden and clear up these areas.

The New Multi Games Area in the main play area is proving to be a big success and is regularly used by families in the village. We recently installed two new bins to help with the litter - please use them! We will also shortly be planting a new low level hedge, as agreed by the council. This will be along the line of the flats and the gravel path.

**Steve Webb
Grounds Maintenance Manager -
Coldharbour Parish Council**



From Your Chairman

"Welcome to latest edition of Coldharbour News.

In May, I was extremely honoured to be elected Chairman of Coldharbour Parish Council. Having lived in Fairford Leys for 12 years with my wife and family, plus being on the council for 8 years it makes me proud to be the Chairman for the next 12 months.

My first major event was to open the first annual Music in the Square. Although the weather threatened to put a damper on things it turned out to be a great success. The work done by the Leisure Committee, Dan Blaze, the crew and of course the bands really made it a great evening, enjoyed by hundreds of residents and visitors. An event that will be repeated and hopefully extended.

It has also been wonderful to see an intake of 90 children at the newly extended St Mary's School. Seven years ago, this council worked with so many residents in pushing Bucks County Council for the extension. To see the works complete and the children using the space is a great achievement for all those at the school and governing body.

We also have seen the opening of the Multi Use Games Area at the main park. I am so thrilled to see children of all ages using this great space. The next challenge is to work towards funding an all weather surface for the play area.

With the church's re development Fair in the Square and the WI's fifteenth anniversary, there has been so much going on in this fantastic village and I am proud to be a part of it."

Kind Regards

**Clr Stuart Jarvis
Chairman
Coldharbour Parish Council**

Meet your new P

Caroline Baughan

I'd like to introduce myself to you all and let you know a little bit about me and my life! I have lived in Buckinghamshire all my life and am proud to say that I've lived on Fairford Leys for 10 years now. I am married to Stephen and we have 2 gorgeous boys. They are regulars in the park so I am sure many of you know them!!

I'm a school teacher and have been lucky enough to teach for the past 16 years in Bucks schools. Teaching art is my passion and I feel blessed to have chosen a career that is fun and full of smiles. I can't think of many careers in which you interact with 1000 people a day and have the opportunity to inspire and to be inspired. Every day is different and full of challenges so life is never boring!

I have been involved in many local activities and groups and am a trustee of a children's charity. I enjoy fund raising - probably because it is another opportunity to talk to people!!

Being a parish councillor seemed like a natural thing for me to do. I love our community and believe that we have a unique and supportive bunch of neighbours. Sometimes we are so busy we forget about those around us and the environment in which we live. Being part of the parish council has been eye opening but so rewarding - and definitely something I would recommend.

I look forward to meeting more of you in person and if you see me out and about please stop for a chat.

Cllr Caroline Baughan



Rio Harper

My husband, Tim and I have been living in Fairford Leys since April 2007. We have lived in Aylesbury since 1998.

I was employed in Retail Management on and off for 12 years, taking breaks to have my four children who are now all grown up, making me a Grandmother of six. I made a complete career change when I joined HMP Services for 8 1/2 years. Later, I worked with immigration services for two years.

In 2010, I implemented the Queensgate Neighbourhood Watch and in 2012 I joined the Fairford Leys Youth Club as a volunteer

helper carrying out the Safeguarding Officer role for the Youth Club Committee.

I was elected as Councillor for Coldharbour Parish Council this May and I'm delighted to be taking on this new role. I very much enjoy meeting the wonderful residents of Fairford Leys whilst out and about in the village. In my time here in Fairford Leys, I have watched the community spirit grow and I look forward to meeting more of the residents of this fine village whilst carrying out my duties as Parish Councillor.

Cllr Rio Harper

Sally-Anne Jarvis

I am delighted to be one of your new councillors. I have lived on Fairford Leys for the last 12 years and have seen it evolve from a building site into the fantastic community we have today.

I have three boys, the older two go to St Mary's and the youngest will start Bright Start in the New Year. That along with the endless visits to the numerous parks, parties at the Fairford Leys Centre and owning an allotment mean I have pretty

much tried and tested most of the family facilities we have to offer.

I am proud of this village and the real sense of community we have, and am passionate that we maintain it, as it continues to mature and develop. I look forward to working for you and to meeting you all over the coming months and years.

Cllr Sally-Anne Jarvis.



Parish Councillors



Adam Poland

Having lived in Fairford Leys for the past 5 years I have come to consider this a great place to live. We have a strong sense of community, great community events and an active social media presence. This is a place where we feel safe and can take it easy and live a quiet life, or, get involved in the many activities on offer, in and around our village.

I have seen many people out and about when I am out running, there are people walking their dogs, old couples walking together and family bike rides happening

and the common theme is that everyone has time to greet one another. I would like to help continue that feeling of community in our parish.

I work in a local secondary school and am a very active person. I run, I bike and I swim and recently took part in an Ironman 70.3 event. This is when you will see me out and about, training for another one next year. If you see me and have a question, or a concern, feel free to stop me and have a chat. It's always nice to meet new and interesting people.

Cllr Adam Poland



Matthew Wilde

I moved to Fairford Leys in 2009 shortly before marrying my wife and we now have a young daughter and a cat called Fred. I have lived in the Aylesbury Vale for 30 years and watched the village being built before using its amenities and eventually moving here. I am glad we did as we have enjoyed being a part of this lovely community. I have worked as a Dental Technician for 17 years and am currently based in a

laboratory just outside of Oxford and I am lucky enough to travel around the world through work and lecture to dentists, nurses and technicians. I am nearing the end of a two year course with the Royal College of Surgeons to become a Clinical Dental Technician. As a hobby I enjoy riding and working on my motorbikes.

Cllr Matthew Wilde

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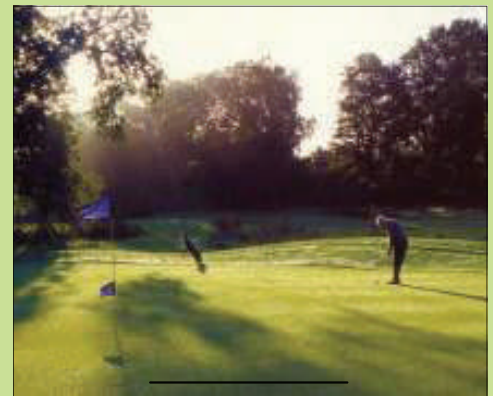
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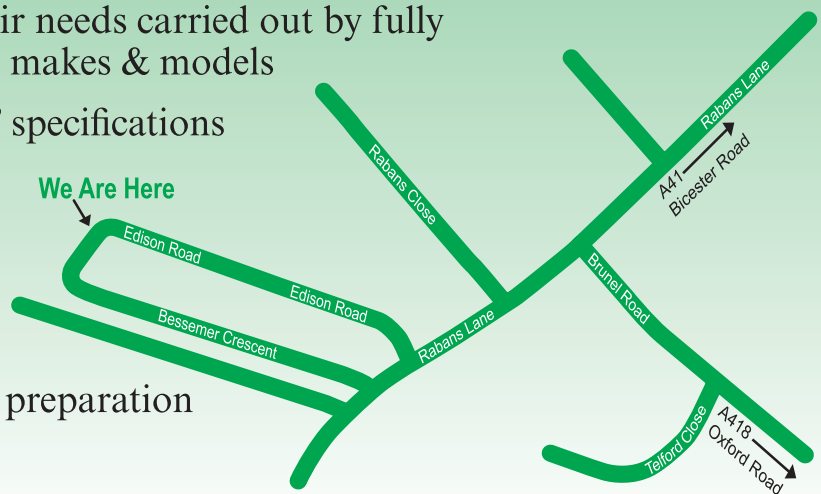


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HS2 Select Committee Visit:

On Thursday the 11th June Fairford Leys was visited by members of the HS2 Select committee to see firsthand the impact this project is likely to have on the community. Around 18 representatives were in attendance, these included our local MP David Lidington, the Leaders of Bucks CC and AVDC and a number of officers. They were joined by 2 of the select committee Mr Robert Syms Chairman of the committee and Sir Peter Bottomley, 3 residents were also in attendance.

Following a brief stop at the playing fields to see where the line is due to come past Fairford Leys the committee stopped off at the Fairford Leys Centre to receive an update from residents about their concerns.

I greeted the committee and gave a brief overview of Fairford Leys and how family is at the heart of the community - the reason that there are 11 play areas around the village. I then spoke about the impact this project would have, not only from the running of the line but also the concerns that we have during the construction. This includes noise, air pollution and the need for constant monitoring, the visual blight

and the need to ensure that construction is not continued into anti social hours as was pointed out on a visit to HS1.

I went on to raise the concern about building site access and the lack of a formalised plan given that the roads on that side of the village would be unsuitable due to their proximity to resident's homes. I discussed the need to replace any recreational areas lost and that they should be replaced like for like; this included the golf course and playing fields. I pointed out that residents and visitors use these facilities daily and that this would have a knock on affect to local businesses, as these visitors also use our local businesses and amenities.

I then talked about the mitigation measures we hoped to achieve including full support for the National Trusts proposal of green banks and our concerns about the northern point of the line where HS2 runs closest to the village and the need to shield these areas by extensive planting. I spoke about the importance of engagement from HS2 with the residents and the parish council on all mitigation measures which will impact the village.



I then handed over to Councillor Sally-Anne Jarvis to talk further about the impact on the school and our fears of turning Fairford Leys in to a rat-run with drivers looking for short-cuts through the village.

Whilst there were only 3 residents in attendance I would personally like to thank them, they were well prepared with photographic evidence and their questions were relevant and to the point.

CLlr Andrew Cole



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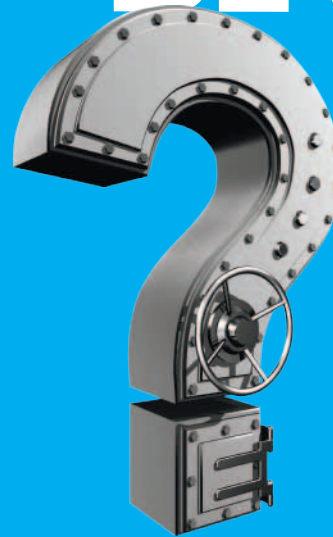
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Fairford Leys Centre News



Unbelievably Christmas is almost upon us again, via Halloween and the Annual Service of Remembrance. At this time of year our thoughts tend to turn towards what has happened over the last twelve months and what is going to happen over the next year.

We have begun the process of improving the facilities and our initial focus has been on the toilet areas where we have installed new

flooring, toilet roll holders, hand dryers, air fresheners and foam soap. In their own way each improvement has contributed to what we hope is a major improvement in these areas.

Over the next few months we are hoping to continue this refurbishment work with items such as the hall lighting, doors and overall décor. Our wish is for the centre to be accessible to and used by as many people in the community as possible and we will strive to achieve this to the best of our means and abilities. It would be good to see as many of you as possible after the Remembrance Sunday service on 8th November for tea, coffee and biscuits.

All our classes and meeting groups continue to be very successful, with, we hope something for everyone. Full details are available on the Coldharbour Parish Council Website on the Fairford Leys Centre page:- www.coldharbour-pc.gov.uk or for further information please contact the centre on 01296 422800.

The centre also holds an array of information such as maps of Fairford Leys, programmes and adverts for local events, theatres etc as well as providing an excellent cup of coffee... so if you have not yet been to the centre we look forward to welcoming you soon.

Andy Barnett - Fairford Leys Centre Manager.

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Students from TSKC are celebrating excellent results from the Japan Karate Association National Championships at the K2 Arena in Crawley. Out of a total of 360 competitors,

TSKC had 23 participants in the team who came away with 13 medals. One of our local Fairford Leys instructors, Jason Fox, finished with three medals: a Gold medal in Kata (Form), Silver in Kumite (Sparring) and Bronze in Team Kata along with Nicole Lester and Rachel Kader.

If you are interested in joining the local TSKC sessions at Fairford Leys on a Wednesday from 19:00-20:00, or visit one of our other dojos (Training Place) in Aylesbury for more information, visit our website www.tskc.co.uk.

Aaron Kader TSKC



For more details about joining and training with TSKC please contact Sensei Lester Wellington on 07956523060 or Aaron Kader on 07939037846, alternatively you can visit our website www.tskc.co.uk

Fairford Leys WI 15th Birthday



On 20th August Fairford Leys WI held a party to celebrate their 15th Birthday. The Coldharbour Hall at the Fairford Leys Centre looked very festive and members were joined by invited guests including representatives from the parish council.

A superb buffet prepared by Beverley from Posh Nosh, was enjoyed by all followed by entertainment by Andy Carter and his Ukulele. He played a variety of popular songs and the audience were in fine voice for a sing along. Some even took to the floor to dance!



After cutting the celebration cake, President Diane Nolan welcomed guests and told how the WI had gone from strength to strength over the last 15 years. She gave a short summary of their activities and successes during that time. Diane then thanked everyone who had helped to make the evening such a huge success. Cllr Sally Pattinson, Vice Chairman of the parish council thanked the WI for supporting the council over the years, especially at the Christmas and

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Fair in the Square events. She said that it seemed no time since their 10th Birthday and that she was looking forward to their 20th Birthday Celebration. Chloe Lambert from the Bucks Herald thanked the ladies for inviting her and for a very enjoyable evening.

We would also like to thank the ladies for planting the floral displays the round the bandstand to commemorate 100 years since the Women's Institute was first formed. The flowers have been absolutely beautiful and much appreciated by the residents.

Cllr Sally Pattinson

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Music in the Square

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The weather never had a chance to spoil the atmosphere, despite a couple of downpours. In fact, when the heavens briefly opened, the party just carried on with young and old dancing in the warm rain and splashing in the puddles!

Everyone had enough to eat and drink, and the kids were kept satisfied with candy floss.

It was heart-warming to look around and see so many happy faces and people genuinely letting their hair down at this superb family event.

Many thanks to the bands, organisers, local businesses and everyone for donating to The Headway Charity through deck chair hire, candy floss sales, donations and raffle. The final total raised was over £600.

Our first 'Music in the Square' but it certainly won't be the last. Saturday 18th June next year is the date.

Cllr Rio Harper.



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FAIR IN THE SQUARE



Yet another warm sunny day for our Annual Fair in the Square! As usual the square was packed with people of all ages. From tiny ones in prams to Grannies and Grandads who had come to join in the fun.

All the usual favourites were there, the carousel, big wheel, helta skelta and climbing wall, but in addition this year, there was a bungee jumping stand. Judging by the queues, this proved very popular with the older children.

Thanks to the hard work of Cllr Nikki Eastwood there were many and varied stalls around the Square and along Wedgewood Street. You may have noticed that the road was closed this year. This was possible because the Dog Show was being held at

the same time and they were supporting a charity - The RSPCA. We think that you will agree that this made the whole area more accessible and no worries about the little ones.

Sincere thanks to the Fairford Leys Centre staff and to the Maintenance Team for giving up their time to help and for making the whole area look so good. Without their help the Fair would not be able to go ahead.

You may have noticed the beautiful planters round the bandstand. These were sponsored by the WI as part of their celebrations for their centenary. Thank you ladies, they looked lovely.

Cllr Sally Pattinson



Square 2015



Fairford Leys Village Dog Show



After months of planning, the day of the Fairford Leys Village Dog Show was finally upon us. My husband and I had never run an event like this before, so we were understandably nervous and had everything crossed for good weather. All our worries though were unfounded. The show was a huge success, so we would like to say a very big thank you to all our wonderful sponsors and volunteers who made the event run so smoothly and helped to raise a wonderful £630 for RSPCA Blackberry Farm. Needless to say Julie, the Manager at Blackberry Farm, was very grateful for the donation.

We had over 80 dogs (and countless humans) attend the show and they all looked wonderful. There had clearly been a lot of effort made, with extra brushing and clipping, along with purchasing of new bandannas, coats and even doggie hats.

There were 8 categories in total, 7 of which were sponsored by local businesses. Each business provided a guest judge to represent their company for their chosen category. Robin Ireland a Partner from

Hampden Veterinary Hospital, who is a big favourite amongst local dog owners, was simply wonderful judging the Golden Oldie class, taking time to sit down and chat with each dog and their owner.

Unique Pets, our fabulous local pet shop, not only sponsored the event, but also had a stall in the park and provided all the winners goody bags. Their Dog behaviourist Tom was a brilliant addition to the judging panel and had an amazing memory for all the dog names.

Some of the most popular classes had over 40 dogs entering, so the competition was stiff, especially for the Most Handsome Boy Dog and Prettiest Girl Dog classes. The guest judges Kirsty and Tracey from Destiny and Keith from Cutlers really had their work cut out for them!

One of the loveliest categories was the Most Endearing Rescue; there were so many amazing dogs with their equally amazing humans, who had given these little dogs a second chance in life. Sam from Dayta Designs had the unenviable job of choosing

the 3 winners, a virtually impossible task, when they all had such heart-warming stories and loving faces.

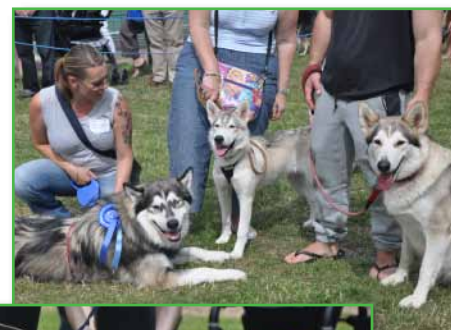
Another super category was the Best Junior Handler, which was kindly sponsored by Mortimers. It was lovely to see the relationship between the children and their dogs and how important these furries are to the family unit.

Throughout the whole show our volunteers worked tirelessly making sure all the dogs were registered, watered, photographed and tickled. An extra big thank you to Emily from Dominos Pet Care, who in addition to sponsoring the Waggiest Tail class, made sure we had photos of the event to remember it by.

So once again a big thank you to our volunteers, sponsors and guest judges, who all worked very hard on the day and helped to make it possible.

Please see the list of winners over the page.

Jacqueline Wenstall Organiser



Village Dog Show



Category	Sponsor	1st	2nd	3rd
Cutest Puppy	Unique Pets	Beckett	Gerry	Louis
Golden Oldie	Hampden Veterinary Hospital	Carlo	Shadow	Holly
Best Junior Handler	Mortimers Estate Agents	Douglas	Ruby	Bella
Most Handsome Boy Dog	Cutlers of Aylesbury	Rupert	Thunder	Sully
Waggiest Tail	Domino Pet Care	George	Luna	Cali
Prettiest Girl Dog	Destiny Hair Design	Jodie	Suki	Chai
Most Endearing Rescue	Dayta Designs	Cleo	Marley	Bella
Most Awesome Eyes		Mabel	Star	Tebbit

Village News

FORTHCOMING EVENTS DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Remembrance Day Service - Sunday 8th November



The annual Service of Remembrance will be held by the bandstand in Hampden Square at 11am following a short service in the Church. The Two Minute Silence will be observed and wreaths laid by the parish council and representatives from other organisations in the Village. Everyone is welcome to come along and pay their respects and to join their parish councillors for refreshments in the Fairford Leys Centre.

Christmas in the Square - Saturday 5th December



Our annual celebration of Christmas led by Revd Anthony Howells from the Church on Fairford Leys. Join us for carol singing with the Aylesbury Concert Band and see Father Christmas arrive on his sleigh ready to meet the children in his grotto. As usual there will be Mulled wine and mince pies to enjoy, served by the ladies from the WI.

Allotment Competition Winners

This year saw the first allotment competition for Fairford Leys Residents. There were many very well maintained allotments, but the winners chosen by the judges were:

- 1st - Plot 24 Mr McNicholas
- 2nd - Plot 30 Mr Whitfield
- 3rd - Plot 12 Ms Sidwell

Congratulations to them all!



Youth Club Open Day

On Saturday 5th September, Fairford Leys Youth Club held an open morning to give visitors an opportunity to find out what the club has to offer and to register new members. The parish council is responsible for the Youth Club and employs two Youth Workers. Our thanks to Karen Tofte and her team for the time and effort they put in to the running of this very much appreciated amenity in our Village.



JBD Fitness and Dance

When Rosemary Conley Food & Fitness went into liquidation early last year, franchisee Joanna Beardsmore-Dilks decided to carry on in the same format with her successful classes.

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Waterside Theatre Competition Winner

The winner of the tickets to An Evening of Dirty Dancing competition was: **Sarah Goodman**. Many thanks to the Waterside Theatre.

s and Events

New Boutique Tile Showroom

On Sunday 30th August SDB Tiling Ltd T/A S&L Walls and Floors hosted their 'Grand Opening Day Event' and opened the doors to their first small-format office & boutique showroom at Unit 12, Space Business Centre, Smeaton Close, Aylesbury (opposite the Honey Bee pub).

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Louise Brooker
SDB Tiling Ltd T/A S&L Walls & Floors
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Headway Appeals to Readers for More Support

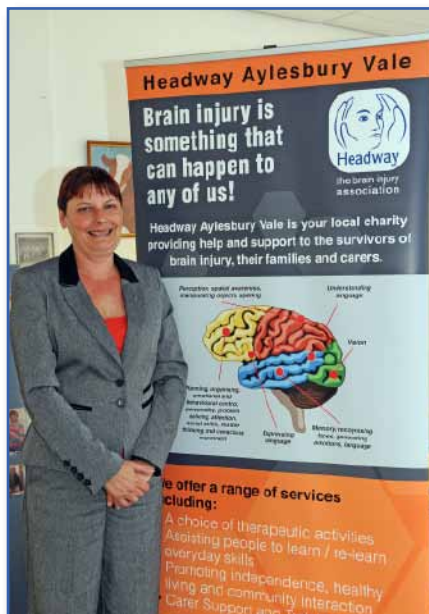
Brain injury charity Headway Aylesbury Vale is appealing to readers of Coldharbour News to become involved wherever possible in helping the organisation and its clients. In 2014, Headway moved in to new premises in Wedgewood Street, Fairford Leys in the corner of the car park behind the Co-op. Manager Karen Styles says the charity is delighted with the way the Fairford Leys community has helped out ever since the move.

"We have only been here just over a year and already we feel really part of the community because everyone has been so supportive," said Karen. "We are especially indebted to Coldharbour News which helped us find a music therapist, and now we're wondering if local people could become even more involved."

There are several ways you can help, such as offering to become a volunteer or by giving donations. In particular, Headway is currently looking for an art therapist.

Meanwhile, the charity is aiming to reach out to more survivors of Acquired Brain Injury (ABI) by offering them free monthly drop-in clinics. ABI can be caused by an accident or illness, and Headway estimates there are some 1,500 survivors in the Aylesbury area alone.

For further information on Headway Aylesbury Vale's drop-in clinics, to make a donation, or to offer voluntary support, please contact Karen on 01296 415469 or email: info.headwayav@gmail.com

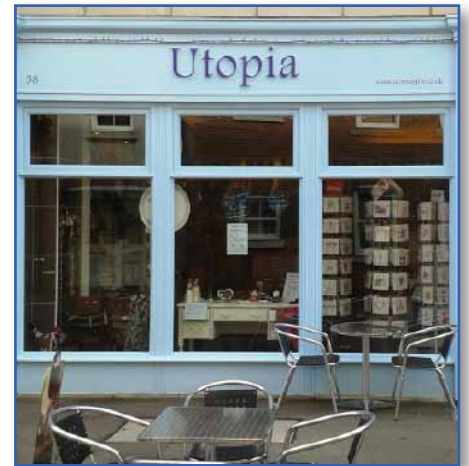


Utopia Nominated in Aylesbury Vale Business Awards 2015!

It is wonderful to see that one of our lovely shops in the Village Centre has been nominated for this year's Aylesbury Vale Business Awards that celebrate businesses that have made a positive impact on their customers and clients.

These awards are voted for entirely by customers and listeners of Mix 96 and Utopia Gifts has been nominated in the category 'Best Independent Retailer' and recognised for its excellent customer service.

The owner of Utopia, Lionel Valdeiglesias, says 'I am delighted with the nomination and that my wonderful customers are happy with my service and shop and are voting for me, I am very grateful.'



To show your support for Utopia Gifts you can vote on www.aylesburyvale.biz/nominate under the category 'Best Independent Retailer'. You can of course also visit Utopia to purchase a beautiful gift and enjoy a wonderful Italian coffee, a light meal or cake in its Coffee Shop! Utopia Gifts truly does deserve to win!

www.utopiagifts.co.uk

Christmas Roses in September

This picture of beautiful Hellebores was taken on 9th September in my back garden on Fairford Leys very early for them. Any pictures of unusual plants and flowers growing on Fairford Leys - in season or not! would be a welcome addition to the pages of Coldharbour News. Please send to sally@buskrigg.co.uk.



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Recycling and Refuse bins

The recycling has been successfully in operation since spring 2012. I would like to take this opportunity to remind everyone to please wheel their bins back off the pavements as they can cause an obstruction, get blown into cars and look unsightly.

Security Reminder

There are also security issues regarding the bins. People have been known to hide contraband, to return later for collection and I have witnessed a bin used as a step to climb over a neighbour's wall. This happened sometime ago, and needless to say I contacted the police who responded quite rapidly.

Please consider the above and happy recycling!

Cllr Rio Harper - Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator

If you would be interested in starting a Neighbourhood Watch group for your road, please contact Rio on 0770 9500770



South Central Ambulance Service **NHS**
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Your local ambulance service needs you!

Community first responders are volunteers in the community that undergo some training with the ambulance service so that they are able to be a first response to 999 emergency calls. A community first responder's role is to provide basic life support, care and reassurance to a patient and their family between the time of the 999 call and the emergency ambulance arriving.

For every minute a victim of Sudden Cardiac Arrest waits for Basic Life Support and defibrillation, They lose approximately 10 – 20% chance of survival!

Community first responders are a very important part of our team and are a huge benefit to the local community. The training provided covers numerous situations ranging from cardiac arrests, strokes and breathing difficulties to emergency care of infants and Diabetic emergencies. A defibrillator and emergency kit are provided as well as a mobile phone, pager and possible access to a community first responder vehicle.

If you have an interest in emergency medicine, the emergency services and/or your local community a community first responder role may be what you are looking for. We are looking to recruit more confident and friendly individuals to become part of our team. If you are interested please contact us using the following contact details.

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Fairford Leys Youth Club

Membership from September 2015 – July 2016 Fairford Leys residents have priority over membership

The youth club intends to run most Fridays, including school half terms, but may not run all through August and December due to holidays.

First session is
6pm to 7.45pm
ages 10 to 13
school years 6 to 8

Second session is
7.30pm to 9.15pm
ages 13 to 17
school years 9 to 13

Annual Membership Fees cover our overheads including the use of the hall, insurance, affiliation to Action4Youth and admin costs. From September 2015 the following one-off fees will apply:

If you join between September 2015 & December 2015	£15.00
If you join between January 2016 & March 2016	£10.00
If you join between April 2016 & 1st July 2016	£7.50
If you join between 8th July 2016 & 29th July 2016	Weekly non-members fee

Weekly Members Fee will be £2.50 per week.

Weekly members' fees cover equipment, themed events, ingredients, art and craft, hire of Action4Youth and other outside attendance e.g. street dance, martial arts, drums, first aid. We rarely ask for additional funds towards activity costs on a Friday evening and would only do so for exceptional events with prior warning. Outside activities e.g. coach trips to various places,

entrance fees, residentials and courses will attract additional fees. If cost is ever a reason for a young person being unable to attend then please speak with the Youth Leaders. It is neither the policy nor ethos of the club to see any young person excluded due to financial constraints.

If you have friends or family with you one Friday evening, you are welcome to bring them along as a visitor, but there will be a charge of £4.00 per person. You must however have sent a text to the Youth Club mobile to make us aware for ratios and there is no guarantee non-members will be allowed in.

A Membership Form with Medical Information and photograph consent is to be completed and returned with the annual membership fee. We will take a photo of each member for our records to put with the membership form.

Please email the Youth Club - fairfordleysyc@hotmail.co.uk with your name and your child's name to allow us to keep you informed on any changes or any other relevant information, and also as to your availability to volunteer. **Parents are asked to volunteer for a maximum of 2 Fridays in any one year to help us maintain our ratios and it is not as scary as you may think!! Please ask us about your role.**

Additional forms including confidentiality, members agreed Code of Conduct, and acknowledgement of policy and procedures will also be provided on request.

Most importantly the Youth Club belongs to the Young People and the main intention is to provide somewhere fun and safe for a Friday night feel free to let us know if we are not achieving this . . .

Karen Tofte
Leader in Charge

Amanda Ewers
Youth Worker

Fairford Leys Youth Club Mobile: 07460510295



The Church on Fairford Leys

Christmas Programme 2015




6th Dec	9.15 am 10.30 am	Quiet Communion "Little Angels" Nativity
13th Dec	10.30 am 4.00 pm	Holy Communion & Gifts Service Christingle Service
20th Dec	9.15 am 10.30 am 6.00 pm	Quiet Communion Morning Worship Carols by Candlelight
27th Dec	10.30 am	Morning Worship
Thu 24th Dec	Christmas Eve	
	4.00 pm	Crib Service
	11.30 pm	Holy Communion
Fri 25th Dec	Christmas Day	
	10.00 am	Family Service



We invite you and your family to join us for worship over the Christmas season.




Little Angels




Toddler Group

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Fairford Leys Foxes & Other Animals

Most of us will have seen, at some time, the variety of wildlife on Fairford Leys due to us bordering open countryside as well as the wonderful stretch of wild riverine corridor running through Fairford Leys. The riverine corridor was always designed to be a wildlife habitat and not to be heavily "managed" with trimmed trees and bushes etc. At certain times of the year we do not cut the rushes due to the bird nesting. Some people may think it's not being looked after properly but there is a reason for leaving it as wild as we can.



I have had a number of people contact me regarding the foxes that live on Fairford Leys and some concerns about their activity and possible harm to the residents. I hope the following helps in explaining the 'Day in the Life of Mr Fox and family'. The main message is to leave them alone and not encourage them by leaving food out or unsecure bins near our homes.

It is well known that our towns and cities are now the homes of foxes, and they are as bold as brass on Fairford Leys as they walk through the village square (I have even seen one outside my front door). We also see badgers and deer and it's the badgers you need to be careful of! Contrary to popular opinion the fox population has not increased, I am told, but has remained static. Foxes are certainly less wild and are possibly more domestic than they ever have been before. Unfortunately animal lovers who feed foxes in

their gardens are not helping the fox at all and only cause him to remain in the lovely environment where there is a home and regular food for him and his family. Foxes are protected under wildlife protection laws that ban cruelty and certain methods of killing which includes poisoning and gassing. Foxes are not classed as vermin by the Department of Environment, Food and Rural Affairs.

Whilst there are no more foxes than before, we can all agree that they are more visible than before and sometimes they are seen in the daytime.

The parish council have no plans to remove the foxes, or any other wildlife, from Fairford Leys but we do suggest the following advice, given by professionals, if you have foxes entering your garden:

- Reduce the supply of available food
- Replace fish or bone fertilisers with plant-based ones
- Leave a radio on in a shed to disturb their routine (hopefully it won't disturb the neighbours!) – I await those complaints.
- To stop a fox fouling your garden, use a suitable repellent on or near each dropping (foxsolutions.co.uk)
- Raise fences and block holes to prevent access
- Remove or defend bird feeders, bins, including compost ones – and ponds.
- Clear overgrown areas, which foxes like to lie in
- Block entrances to dens, but only after ensuring that they are empty.

I hope you are not having any trouble with Mr Fox as to have the variety of wildlife we have on Fairford Leys is not common to other communities and we should protect our wildlife as much as we can.

For more information visit foxproject.org.uk

Keith Gray Clerk to the Council

Get your motor runnin' - born to be mild

I'm now in my 52nd year and thoroughly enjoying my MLC (mid life crisis). I'm Scottish, not French, so for me an affair wasn't really an option – besides - I'm still rather fond of my wife and I've yet to see a MLC involving an affair that hasn't ended in poverty, heartache and abject misery for everyone involved plus a fair few that aren't. Not for me a mistress of the prescribed Gaelic 'half my age plus 6' – for me no MLC would be right and proper without involving leather outerwear, boots, gloves a helmet and – of course - a motorcycle.

I live my life by a set of rules. I am, after all, not only Scottish, but British too and where would we be without rules? No – not France – we'd be in a mess. My rules are broadly shared, I imagine, with most of the residents of Fairford Leys. They're based largely on Roman law, underpinned by the big 10 and with a nod to the notion of 'Big Society'. However, I do also have a few extra rules of my own and one of those is NOT to encourage anyone to get on a motorcycle – especially someone who has people in their life – people they know and like and who like them. Motorcycling is risky, arguably more life threatening than an affair and the last thing I want to spoil my blossoming MLC is a guilt trip following the untimely demise of a man born before the train robbers were great, after purchasing some shiny metal from On Yer Bike or Dave Woods Racing. Not wishing to be sexist, it's entirely possible that a woman entering her MLC might throw her leg over the saddle of a Ducati 1299 Desmosedici and meet an equally untimely demise but, in practice, it's usually men. That's why my wife refers to us as OBOBs – old blokes on bikes.

So – having established that I don't want to encourage anyone – male or female of any age – to take up motorcycling I'd like to reach out to those who have already made the decision and have begun trekking back and forth to Rabans Lane in an effort to make space

for their new pride and joy. My advice to you is simple – if you're going to do it, do it right and get some extra training.



There's an acronym that bikers use – SMIDSY – 'sorry mate, I didn't see you'. Car bumper stickers asking motorists to 'Think Bike, Think Biker' all elude to the idea of a careless driver squashing a poor old motorcyclist safely riding along minding his own business. Don't get me wrong, this can happen, but the reality is this; most serious injuries and fatalities amongst motorcyclists are caused by rider error – we bikers represent 2% of road users and 20% of the KSI's (killed or seriously injured) and that's not good. That can turn a cracking MLC into a truly dreadful 'end of life crisis'.

So – if I'm preaching to the already converted my message is this – join the IAM (Institute of Advanced Motoring) buy a motorcycle 'Skill for Life' package, join the Aylesbury bike section and start your advanced coaching program now. In short it will make you safer, smoother and more progressive (that's quicker!) and you'll develop a much broader grin when you ride your motorcycle. The skills you develop – all based on the 'Police system of motorcycle control' - will not only help to keep you safe from yourself they'll help you to anticipate and deal with other road user's error – and that's a good thing.

Of course there are lots of alternative options when considering how you enjoy your MLC but mark my words, they don't just happen; you have to make them happen. I recently joined a band and have inflicted levels of embarrassment to our two grown up boys that I could only have dreamed of a few years ago. Rock on!

Aylesbury Waterside Theatre

Panto fever has struck! Aylesbury Waterside Theatre is counting down to this year's magical family pantomime Dick Whittington starring X Factor winner Sam Bailey as Fairy Bowbells. Go in search of the streets paved with gold and enjoy more festive sparkle than you can shake a knapsack at from Fri 11 Dec – Sun 3 Jan.

Sam Bailey is making her pantomime debut and will be joined by local funny man Andy Collins returning for his 5th Waterside panto as Idle Jack, and X Factor finalist Melanie Masson who is playing boo-able baddie Queen Rat!

Sam Bailey said 'It's my first ever panto and I can't wait! It's a great story and what better way to celebrate this Christmas than coming down and joining us! It's going to be lots and lots of fun, with plenty of laughs. I say, bring the kid, they'll have so much fun, and adults will love it too, it's going to be incredible, I just can't wait to get my wings on!'

Book now! Visit the Box Office, call 0844 871 7607 (bkg. fees apply. Calls cost 7p per min plus your phone company's access charge) or book online at www.atgtickets.com/Aylesbury (bkg. fee).

Alison Trimming - Waterside Theatre



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Dates for the next

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

- Thursday 5th November
- Thursday 3rd December
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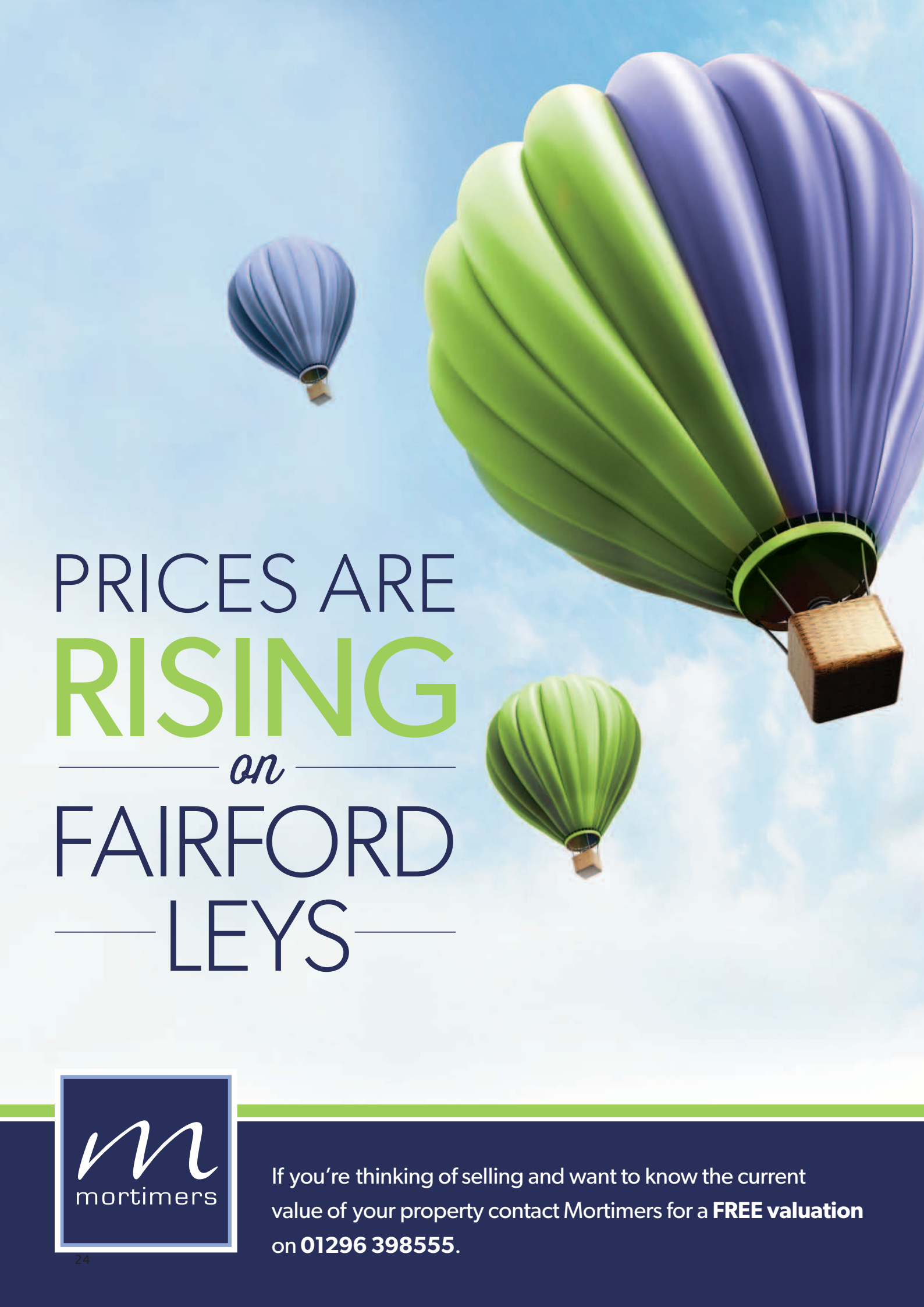
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