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June 2018

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**Saturday 7th July**  
**Details on page 12**

### Election of Offices

At the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council on 3rd May Councillor Adam Poland was elected as Chairman and Councillor Sally Pattinson re-elected as Vice Chairman. Both are committed to their rolls and strive to maintain a thriving community in Fairford Leys where people enjoy living. See Adam's column opposite.

### Councillor Cole

We would like to take this opportunity to thank retiring chairman Councillor Andrew Cole for his dedication and commitment over the last 2 years.

### Change of Councillors

We were sorry to receive the resignation of Councillor Matthew Wilde in April. Matt has been an active member of the council and together with Cllr Sally-Ann Jarvis was instrumental in the provision of the defibrillator at the Fairford Leys Centre. He also gave regular updates to the council on the results of the MVS signs placed around the village about average vehicle speeds across the community including some quite scary high speeds being registered. The council will continue to monitor this and liaise with the appropriate authorities as and when needed.

At the April Meeting, Councillor Ross Searle was unanimously selected to become a co-opted Parish Councillor, and Councillor Samantha North in May. See details of Ross on page 3. Samantha will follow later.

### Mobile Library Service

We are sorry to say that, following a recent public consultation, Buckinghamshire County Council has decided to end the Mobile Library service, with the final visits being due on 31st May 2018. This will obviously include the Mobile Library visits to Hamden Square. Most users will have already been made aware of this decision by the county council.

### Cemetery Matters

Did you know that the nearest, largest, cemetery for Fairford Leys is Tring Road Cemetery in Aylesbury? Fairford Leys does not have its own cemetery so residents, should they wish to be buried, would need to use the town cemetery or a nearby village cemetery such as Stone. The prices vary and will be more expensive if you live outside the parish where the cemetery is located.

Tring Road Cemetery was first opened in 1858 after the closure of St Mary's Churchyard for burials. Aylesbury Town Council took over the running of the Cemetery from Aylesbury Vale District Council in 2006. The Town Council maintains the cemetery grounds and has an ongoing improvement plan. This included the building of mausoleums, the installation of Columbaria and more. For further information please call 01296 425678

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# Parish Council News

## Grounds Maintenance Update

We have been busy over the winter period, trimming back growth and branches from paths around the village while the weather has been wet. We have also been picking up litter from the Riverine Corridor when we are able to get down there.

The winter bedding has been bringing a little bit of colour over the last few months and the bulbs have been beautiful once again. We hope residents are able to enjoy these when they are walking around. Summer bedding has been ordered and we will start planting out in early June.

The annual ROSPA report for all the play areas was delivered in February and anything that was flagged up, however small has been rectified as a matter of priority.

Some of you may not know that Gareth Edwards has now left the parish council for pastures new I would like to thank him for all his hard work over the past 5 years and wish him luck in his new position.

We do have allotments on Fairford Leys; if you are interested in renting a plot, please let Andy Barnett at the Fairford Leys centre know and he will be able to put you on the list. 01296 428800.

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

**Steve Webb**  
Senior Grounds Maintenance Officer



Picture by Ian Morris



## From Your Chairman

Welcome to the June edition of the Coldharbour News

You may notice that the picture of your Chairman is different. I was lucky enough to be voted Chairman of the Parish at the May meeting and I would like to personally thank Cllr Andrew Cole for all his hard work over the past two years leading the council and helping residents with concerns and issues.

I hope that the spring months have treated you all well. My favourite part of spring is the amazingly colourful display that we get at this time of year with the daffodils blooming, closely followed by the tulips signalling the end of winter and the promise of warmer months ahead. A huge thank you must go to our grounds team for their work with both this and all the other essential tasks they do for our community, often in the background and unnoticed.

Their continual work has been supported this spring with the community clear up organised by Cllr James and all the volunteers who came out on a scorchingly hot Sunday to help make their community that little bit cleaner and tidier. At times, trying to organise these events can be like trying to herd cats but Cllr James did a sterling job.

During our April meeting we had representation from HS2 Ltd discussing both the impact of works to our local area and the creation of a new habitat zone bordering our community. Some of you may have already seen the works taking place on the way to Eythrope. This did raise a few questions that we have asked HS2 Ltd to respond to and feed back to us in a meeting soon. These concerns included the sustainability of the new habitat zone and the financial implications, if any, to the community.

As I am writing this we are enjoying the hottest early May bank holiday weekend ever and it makes me think of the fun events that we have coming up. Our annual Fair in the Square is taking place on Saturday 7th July and Music in the Square is taking place on Saturday 1st September 2018. I hope to see many of you there enjoying these community events.

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

**Cllr Adam Poland**  
Chairman of Coldharbour Parish Council

## Meet your New Councillor Ross Searle

Having been born and raised in Aylesbury, I moved in with my partner Sarah 8yrs ago to Fairford Leys. We adopted a couple of rescue cats from Blackberry Farm and often attend their charity events.

Fairford Leys has so much to offer and was perfect for us (and still is) with its wonderful local amenities plus the benefit of being within walking distance of Aylesbury town centre and the train station.

I'm a member of the local gym and have always enjoyed sports from a very young age. My main passion is bikes from motor cycle racing, motor cross, downhill mountain biking and road cycling. I was once a British Downhill Champ. On occasions you'll see me riding with the local Spirit Bike club.

After a day's cycling it's always nice to relax and enjoy meal out at the local restaurants that Fairford Leys has to offer.

After leaving school, I started a career working at Pro-Drive in Banbury as a Warehouse Manager and later decided to take a totally different career path as a Security Engineer. 10yrs experience in security systems led me to running my own small business of installing Security Alarms, CCTV and Access Control systems.

I am proud of being part of the Fairford Leys community and am also passionate about keeping this community a friendly, supportive, clean and safe environment to live in and hope that by joining the parish council I can help keep this established.

**Cllr. Ross Searle**



# The Ernest Cook Trust



You may have noticed frequent references to the Ernest Cook Trust in Coldharbour News particularly in connection with planning applications. However, most people will not be aware of the history of The Ernest Cook Trust and we thought that the following information may be of interest.

## History

The Ernest Cook Trust is one of the UK's leading outdoor learning charities. Rooted in the conservation and management of the countryside, the Trust actively encourages children and young people to learn from the land through hands-on outdoor learning opportunities on its estates and by offering grants.

The Trust was founded by the philanthropist Ernest Cook in 1952 and each year, as a result of his foresight and passion for the countryside and the arts, the current Trustees are able to distribute up to £2m in educational grants to benefit children and young people.

The Trust currently owns and manages 22,000 acres of landed estates in Buckinghamshire, Dorset, Gloucestershire, Leicestershire and Oxfordshire: it upholds the highest standards of estate management throughout its land, farms and buildings, remaining true to Ernest Cook's vision.

The Ernest Cook Trust is very unusual in being a land-based trust which has education as its sole charitable object. The Trust places education at its very heart by offering children and young people a range of outdoor learning opportunities.

## The Trust's Estates in Buckinghamshire

The Hartwell Estate in the Vale of Aylesbury was purchased by Ernest Cook in 1938 and currently covers some 1,809 acres. The estate is mixed arable and dairy land and is home to two of the Trust's eight dairy farms. The family of one of the farming tenant's has been farming the area for the last 150 years.

Hartwell House is the most celebrated residence on the Trust's estates. With its Elizabethan and Georgian facades and garden landscaped by Capability Brown it was, for a time between 1807 and 1814, the residence of the exiled future king of France Louis XVIII. Ernest Cook had intended to live on this estate and indeed spent time in the 1930s installing modern heating systems, repairing the roof and the stonework. However, he did not actually take up residence, choosing instead to retire to Bath.

After use of the building as a finishing school and a subsequent serious fire, the leasehold of the house was acquired by Historic Hotels whose owner, Richard Broyd, put huge effort and considerable funds into a programme of restoration. In accordance with Mr Broyd's wishes, the lease was assigned to the National Trust in 2008 but the house continues to be run as one of the UK's top country house hotels.

The estate lies on the southwestern boundary of Aylesbury and over the last few decades has benefited from growth of the town.

## Fairford Leys

The Hartwell Estate lies on the eastern edge of the new village of Fairford Leys which was built on land sold by the Trust between 1993 and 2004. The design and management of the development was controlled by the Trust during construction; to ensure community life would be central to the development, facilities such as a community centre, ecumenical church, leisure facilities, shops, offices and a primary school were provided. This has resulted in a vibrant community with a range of accommodation – Fairford Leys is always referred to as an exemplar of sustainable development.

### Hartwell House from the front



# Annual Report of Coldharbour Parish Council April 2018



*“It only seems like yesterday that I was writing my last annual report, twelve months goes by so very quickly and a busy twelve months they have been. As always my report must start by thanking the councillors for their continued support and hard work throughout the year.”*

## Change of councillors

This year we said goodbye to Cllr Minton and Cllr Wilde who have stepped down due to personal commitments and I would like to personally thank them both for their hard work and their input at council meetings, they will certainly be missed and I wish them all the best for the future. We welcomed back Cllr Eastwood who returned after a short absence and as I write this report we are welcoming new councillor, Ross Searle.

## Official Duties

In May I was again delighted to be able to represent the Parish at the Aylesbury Mayor Making event, having the chance to talk to other community leaders about common issues as well as being able to champion what we do here in Fairford Leys.

In July the sun shone for another fantastic Fair in the Square and the annual dog show it was a pleasure to meet so many new residents. In September the council hosted its annual community event Music in the Square which turned out to be a wonderful evening of music; my thanks to the bands, Dan Blaze and all the

team who work so hard to make the event such a success.

The Remembrance Service held in the church and the square was also well attended; it is so nice to see the many local groups within our community remember those who have given the greatest sacrifice in service of their country. I also attended the Mayor's Remembrance Service in St Mary's Church Aylesbury. This is a wonderful service bringing local communities together.

Christmas in the Square with the addition of the telling of the Nativity was again a wonderful community event and my thanks to the Church on Fairford Leys for putting on a fine show. My thanks also go to the Clerk, the Leisure Committee, the Fairford Leys Centre Staff, the WI and of course, Father Christmas for taking time out of his busy schedule to see so many children.

## Riverine Corridor

As you will be aware we continue to push for the hand over of the riverine corridor and this is hopefully approaching completion. As I write we await the land registry completion that

will then allow us to take on phase one of the process. Our maintenance team have been working closely with AVDC and the developers ensuring that the corridor is handed over in an acceptable condition for our team to continue to manage it. Our maintenance team do so much behind the scenes such as gritting some of the roads around the village, grass cutting, emptying dog bins and the setting up and taking down of our village events. We really are very lucky to have such an experienced and dedicated team. So a massive thank you must go to Steve, Gareth and Brian who look after our village so well in all weathers and are so quick to respond when issues are reported.

## HS2

HS2 remains on the horizon and the parish continues to engage wherever possible to ensure that proper mitigation measures during and after completion will be in place.

## The Fairford Leys Centre

The Fairford Leys Centre remains a vibrant hub of the community and is very busy with classes and private hire. Andy and the team do a great job of making sure everyone who uses the centre has a good experience. They also help out at our community events and my thanks go to them for their hard work in keeping things in check.

Finally as a council we are as always guided by our Clerk through the various legal aspects on council business as well as being generally the first port of call when issues arise. His knowledge and guidance are invaluable and my personal thanks go to our Clerk for his continued support not only to the council but to the residents as well.

**Cllr Andrew Cole**  
**Chairman of Coldharbour**  
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# The Church of Fairford Leys

**“For my house will be called a house of prayer for all nations.”**

**Isaiah 56:7, quoted by Jesus as he stood in the Temple in Jerusalem**

Many people will be looking forward at this time of year to a few days away in the summer, or at least a break from their normal routine. I wonder what kind of holiday or adventure you prefer. Are you a sightseer, a lover of culture and architecture, or maybe you're content with as much time on the beach as possible.

This year we have taken an early holiday, as after Easter we had the opportunity to travel with some of our family to Israel. It's a fascinating part of the world, which combines many of the holiday activities I mentioned. The temperature is pleasantly warm at this time of year, and the sea was tempting enough. The area is full of historical and archaeological sites to explore, and Jerusalem is a fascinating mix of cultures, with plenty of opportunities to stop at street cafés and just take in the surroundings.

Many people will visit the area with a sense of pilgrimage, and although we were there on a family holiday, for us that did include visiting some of the major sites mentioned in the Bible. It was interesting to see these towns and areas as they are today, and to try to step back into the world of the Gospel writers. The landscape has not changed much; it was easy to sit on a boat on the Sea of Galilee and, looking towards the far shore, encounter the scene much as Jesus and the disciples did.



The historic sites pose more of a challenge though, as there have been many layers of rebuilding over the years. There seem to be two ways to approach this. For some people the focus is on the exact location and supposed remnants of an event in the life of Jesus. The focus is on being at that precise spot. While it is fascinating to see the general location and imagine the place as it was, for me the power of these memorials is that they mark a location in place and time, the origins of really important events that still affect us today. Whether or not I am looking at the actual building where Jesus was born, I am certainly very close to the spot where this great event took place.

In visiting these ancient sites, we need to appreciate what they say about the past, but more importantly consider the meaning for us here and now. Visiting any church can be just the same: a look back in time, an historical exploration; or it can be a refreshing and challenging experience for our current day situation. One of the unexpected highlights for me was finding a site on the Mount of Olives called The Church of the Pater Noster. Associated with Jesus teaching the Lord's Prayer to his disciples, it contains wall tiles with the prayer in hundreds of languages and dialects from across the world. My favourite, of course, was the one in Welsh – but then it is the language of heaven!



More seriously, this place reminds us that from this one area the message of God's love has spread all across the world. Wherever you may live, or whatever dark corner you might be in, God's love continues to reach out to you today.

**Revd Anthony  
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# Fairford Leys WI

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**It's the summer already; another year is flying by and Fairford Leys WI has been very busy.**

We've had some great speakers already this year starting with Joan Cooper who gave us a talk and demonstration on Shiatsu massage in January. Our social evening in February was a very tasty meal of bangers and mash. We had a lesson in the art of Ikebana Japanese flower arranging for our March meeting, and Christine Wallace came along in April to give us a talk about her life in the tent as a quarter finalist on the Great British Bake Off. She's been very busy since the tent so it was great to have her come and chat and make us a lemon meringue roulade; cake and a chat, always a good combination.

Our craft club members have been learning lots of new crafts, jewellery making, cross stitch, pottery and knitting. I'm attempting to knit a rabbit

hand puppet for a new baby in the family, unfortunately I think she'll be eighteen by the time its finished but its good fun to go to craft club once a month.

We also have a book club every month, at which we discuss the book for about fifteen minutes and then put the world to rights. Did I mention there is tea and cake there too?

We have a lot to look forward to for the rest of the year, July is Fair in the Square and our WI have a tombola stall which is always popular. The speaker for July is from Thames Valley Air Ambulance which I'm sure will be very interesting.

Our Meetings are always on the third Thursday of the month in the Fairford Leys Centre, why not come along and see us.

**Jane Rice**  
**President of Fairford Leys WI**





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# Fairford Leys Centre News



With the good weather at last seeming to arrive I thought it would be a good time to mention our classes over the summer holidays.

Bucks Play Association are running a two-day course on the 26th and 27th July Day one is a multi-sports course with day 2 being a visit to Footgolf in Aston Clinton. For more information or for a booking form please contact Alan Dunham on 01296 745827 or email; letsplaybpa@aol.co.uk.

During the week of the 30th July to the 3rd August Claydons Dance Academy are running a week long workshop. This promises to once again be an entertaining week with a variety of activities on offer, for more information please contact Sharon on 07702 063900. Whilst mentioning Claydons I would like to congratulate them on their 20th year of dance lessons.

As ever our regular classes continue through the summer, see our current timetable below or if you would like any additional details please call the centre on 01296 422800 and speak to myself or any of our staff and we will do our best to help.

Don't forget we are always pleased to welcome visitors and tea and coffee is available at very reasonable prices.

## Fair in the Square

If you are interested in having a stall at Fair in the Square please contact me using the details given at the bottom of this article. The cost of a stall is £15.00.

I hope that you all have a great summer.

**Andy Barnett**  
Fairford Leys Centre Manager

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Monday	10.00 – 15.30 Monday Contact Club 16.00 – 18.15 Available for Hire 18.45 – 19.45 Fergie's Fitness 20.00 – 21.30 Hatha Yoga	09.00 – 13.00 Available for hire 13.30 – 14.15 Baby Friendly Post-Natal Pilates 14.30 – 16.15 Available for hire 16.30 – 17.30 Premier Sports Futsal (4-6 Yrs) 17.30 – 18.30 Premier Sports Futsal (7-10Yrs) 18.30 – 21.30 Black Dragon Martial Arts
Tuesday	09.30 – 12.00 NHS Diabetes Education 12.00 – 15.00 Available for hire 16.00 – 18.10 Claydons Dance Academy 18.30 – 20.00 Gentle & Therapeutic Yoga 20.15 – 22.30 Swing Dance MK	09.45 – 10.30 Baby Friendly Post-Natal Pilates 11.00 – 12.00 Badminton (Private) 13.00 – 14.00 Available for Hire 15.00 – 18.10 Claydons Dance Academy 19.00 – 21.00 Slimming World
Wednesday	09.30 – 11.30 Busy Bees Parent & Toddler Drop-in 12.00 – 14.00 Available for Hire 15.00 – 16.45 Claydons Dance Academy 17.15 – 18.15 Weight Watchers 18.30 – 21.00 Seido Karate	10.00 – 11.30 JBD Fitness 12.00 – 14.30 Available for Hire 15.00 – 18.00 Claydons Dance Academy Cheerleading 18.15 – 19.15 Available for Hire 19.30 – 21.45 JBD Fitness
Thursday	09.00 – 18.00 Available for Hire 19.15 – 22.00 WI (3rd Thursday Only) 19.00 Parish Council Meeting (1st Thursday of every Month only)	10.00 – 11.30 JBD Fitness 12.00 – 15.00 Available for Hire 16.00 – 17.00 Little Dragons (ZKS) 17.00 – 20.00 Childrens Martial Arts (ZKS)
Friday	09.30 – 11.30 Weeniebeans Soft Play 13.30 – 16.00 50+ Friendship group 18.00 – 21.00 Youth Club	09.30 – 10.15 Tiny Tots Football 10.30 – 11.30 Badminton (Private) 12.00 – 16.30 Available for Hire 18.00 – 21.00 Youth Club
Saturday	09.00 – 11.00 Childrens Zumba 12.00 – 14.00 Black Dragon Martial Arts	09.30 – 10.30 Infinity Sports
Sunday	Available for Hire	Available for Hire

# Village News

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### Allotment Competition -

Judging of all allotments will be done on random days in the 2 weeks following up to Fair in the Square. Prizes will be presented on that day.



### Fair in the Square – Saturday 7th July 1pm to 6pm

All the fun of the Fair in Hampden Square: Those who have been before will know that for just one afternoon the square is transformed by the parish council into a lively fairground, complete with rides and stalls offering something for everyone. This year will be no exception, and for the less energetic, a choice of refreshments from tea and cakes to a beer or a glass of wine should keep them happy. So if you are new to Fairford Leys or have just never managed to come along before, do give it a try; we are sure that you will have an enjoyable afternoon.

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



### Fairford Leys Dog Show –

We are sorry to say that for various reasons, there will not be a dog show this year. We would like to thank Emily Ladyman and her team of volunteers for their hard work in organizing past events. If you feel that you could assist with running an event for 2019, please let us know. 01296 422800.

### Music in the Square Saturday 1st September

Details of this late summer community event organised by the parish council and DJ Dan Blaze are on the back pages of this newsletter. Music in the Square has proved to be a lively evening out for all the family. So do join us for music dancing and refreshments.



### Fairford Leys is a cleaner place

The three things that the parish council receive the most complaints about are parking, dog fouling and litter. The first is down to inconsiderate drivers, the second to inconsiderate dog owners and the third to everyone who does not think before dropping litter on the ground. So on a sunny Sunday in May, a small group of volunteers set out to tidy up. Armed with litter pickers and empty bags, Councillor Sarah James together with her Mum and daughters, Councillor Sally Pattinson and a willing volunteer were prepared for the worst. However we were agreeably surprised to find that there was very little litter to be seen. It was lovely to see wild flowers in bloom and no litter.



An hour and a half later, on return to the Fairford Leys Centre we had only collected 5 half bags full. So firstly thank you to Brian from the Maintenance Team who regular carry out litter picks and secondly to our residents who help by not dropping litter in the first place and by tidying up anything that is dropped near their homes.



# and Events

## Many congratulations to Destiny Hair Design for winning Salon of the year 2017/2018

Destiny Hair Design won the salon of the year at the span awards at the end of April. The salon was chosen out of 140 across Bucks, Oxfordshire, Berkshire and Hertfordshire for their exceptional high standards of education and growth of the team. Destiny Hair Design also took away some other awards. These were awarded to Natalie who came 2nd for assessor of the year and Angel who came 2nd for intermediate learner of the year.

It was a memorable day, the team were on a high and celebrated afterwards with an enjoyable meal.

Destiny also do a lot of work for different charities these include Cocos Foundation, Macmillan, Red Nose Day,



**Kirsty Montgomery  
Destiny Hair Design**

Race for Life, Clic Sargent, Children in Need etc. They also continue to deliver high standards to their clients.

## All change for Hospice's Midnight Walk

In 2018, Florence Nightingale Hospice Charity's annual Midnight Walk will change in two important ways.

"We asked the public whether they would like the event to be opened out to men and boys as well as women and girls," explains Jo Turner, Head of Fundraising at Florence Nightingale Hospice Charity (FNHC). "We ran a survey in November and December last year, and 80% of the respondents said they would like men to be allowed to take part."

Responding to the results, the FNHC Events team decided that the 2018 Midnight Walk should be open

to everyone over the age of 11 on the 23rd June.

The Charity also asked survey respondents if they would prefer to keep the distance options the same, or change them to a 5 mile route and a 10 mile route.

"54% of respondents to our research said they would prefer a choice of five miles or ten miles, and so we have decided to trial these distances," says Jo. The new look Midnight Walk will take place on 23 June 2018, starting and finishing at Aylesbury College as usual.

The Midnight Walk is FNHC's largest



fundraising event and last year raised over £55,000 with 475 Walkers dressed in the event's iconic dayglo pink T-shirts and flashing bunny ears. "One thing that won't be changing is the Midnight Walk "uniform",," says Jo Turner. "The flashing ears are spectacular, and the T-shirts in 'Safety Pink' help to keep Walkers visible as well as being traditional!"

The money raised by Midnight Walkers makes a huge contribution to enable Florence Nightingale Hospice Charity to continue to provide services to patients with life-limiting illnesses at the Hospice and at home.

Registration is £20. Walkers receive a free souvenir Midnight Walk 2018 T-shirt, as well as a 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)

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**Over the last five years the estate agency industry has seen some massive changes in how we buy and sell our homes, with over 95% of the population looking online at available properties rather than visiting high street stores. The introduction of online agents gives sellers full control of their own sale, but one thing they lack when selling their house this way is communication, and having an agent they can talk to throughout the process.**

Not to be dissuaded by the ever increasing competition, estate agents Francis and Emma Buchanan launched HomeXperts 16 months ago, choosing to base their offices in Fairford Leys, Aylesbury. HomeXperts provides a bespoke, all-round full-service agency tailored to help each individual buyer, seller, landlord and tenant on their journey.

Firmly grounded in the Fairford Leys community, HomeXperts Aylesbury quickly built up a reputation for their personalised service, which contributed to an exceptionally high success rate in sales and lets.

The reason is because marketing a property comprises many tactics and HomeXperts Aylesbury have access to the right audience. In-depth, online advertising along with traditional, paper-based print material allows everyone interested in renting or selling the right levels of choice. Francis also uses Matterport Camera technology to showcase 360-degree virtual reality walkthrough tours of your property.

Emma always listens to the needs and wants of a customer – aware that sometimes compromises must be made, whether

that is renting a two-bedroom property or buying a spacious, five-bedroom family home. Accurate valuations are critical to advising on mortgage and tenant services, which means that by leveraging her financial background training your every need is catered for.

What's unique about their operation is the offer to work well into the evening and at weekends. A majority of agents close at 6pm and over the weekend. Francis and Emma know the best chance of successful viewings is after work or over a weekend/bank holiday. Little extras like after-hours viewings and a seven-day week service has given the pair a reputation of care. They consider all the little details from the moment a property is on their books to the day new families move in.

That is a decision only you can make, but trawling through legal paperwork is certainly a stressful process to those untrained and inexperienced; and researching the technical knowledge gaps is something most of us just don't have time for.

Emma and Francis handle everything – from initial consultation to budgets, viewings, negotiations, conveyancing and final exchange of contracts. Spend an hour with Emma and Francis before deciding to do it yourself – it could be worth thousands in peace of mind. They are literally on your doorstep!

**Francis and Emma Buchanan**  
**HomeXperts**

# My Job by Tim Harper

## “John Travolta Is Shiny”.

If it comes up in conversation that I work in The Control Tower at Heathrow Airport, it is assumed that I control aircraft. In fact, I am an Air Traffic Systems Engineer and my job is far more interesting!

I work for NATS Ltd. I drive to Heathrow Airport and I walk through Terminal three to a secret passageway that leads to the Control Tower. My office is in the triangular shaped green building at the base of the tower. The Tower was designed to be immediately recognisable to pilots as it brings to mind a fishing float with a central stick and a red tip. (I'm not sure if non-fishing pilots are able to recognise it?) It contains a large heavy, hydraulically operated counterweight inside at the top to reduce movement in high winds.



My office has floor to ceiling, quadruple glazed windows which overlook taxiways, where aircraft silently and constantly glide past. I sit with my colleagues, in front of thirty three video monitors connected to various computer systems used by the controllers in the Visual Control Room, eighty metres above me. It's my own Mission Control, Heathrow! We have a bean to cup coffee machine, which despite having dispensed over 52,000 cups of unrecognisable brown liquid, continues to grind, hiss and splutter with surprising endurance. Luckily, it's a free service!



My job, with my team, is to monitor and respond to problems which the systems may develop. There are around sixty systems used by controllers, which include radio, landing guidance, radar, aircraft ground tracking, weather observation, flight planning and various other support systems, not to mention the World Dynamic Situation Monitor (or Television).

We have a variety of equipment located around the airfield such as weather stations and weirdly shaped landing systems, which have to be routinely inspected and we have to take a special driving test to allow us to drive around the taxiways amongst the moving aircraft. If you find yourself in a plane, on a taxiway, look out the window and you may see our dark blue NATS vehicle driving alongside!

From time to time, we have interesting visitors to The Tower and my favourite was when John Travolta dropped in to visit. With his flying background, he was very interested to see how it's done properly! (He's shorter than I imagined and his face was strangely shiny)

It's exhilarating to watch planes take off and land at close quarters when we're next to the runway. The largest jet engine used on a plane produces about 100,000hp (there's normally two of them) which on take-off, is enough to rattle one's fillings.



We have a strong professional relationship with our Air Traffic Controller colleagues and although we cannot exist without each other, we're happy to make them look good!

**Tim Harper – Resident**

**This article was submitted by Tim – I hope you found it interesting. If anyone else does a job that might be of interest to others, please contact me and perhaps we could run a short “My Job” series. [sally@buskrigg.co.uk](mailto:sally@buskrigg.co.uk)**

**Sally Pattinson Editor**

# Keeping your pet happy and healthy this summer

Despite the UK not being known for its wonderful summers, there are still plenty of things to watch out for, and it is important to keep our animals safe this summer.

## Heatstroke

Heatstroke is usually associated with a temperature of over 41C in cats and dogs, when the body fails to cope with external heat, and can lead to multiple organ failure. Dogs with flat faces, those who are overweight and elderly dogs tend not to cope as well with the heat. Dogs can easily overheat when exercising or kept in the sun. Dogs cool themselves down by panting, as they can only sweat a little through their paws. Cats lick themselves instead of sweating, they tend not to pant unless seriously unwell.

Limiting walks to early morning and late evening, when the sun is not strongest can be beneficial. Avoid walking on hot tarmac, which can burn sensitive paws. Fresh water should always be available and an escape from the sun/heat is essential. Signs of heatstroke and dehydration include panting, drooling, lethargy, vomiting and even collapse, and should be seen by a vet.

## Sunburn

Sunburn can be common in cats and dogs, especially those with fair skin and thin hair, or if they have been clipped from a recent surgery. Plenty of shade and escape from the sun should be provided. Pet friendly sunscreen should be applied if out in the sun for extended periods, especially on the tips of the ears, nose and belly. Sunburn can be very painful, and even lead to skin cancer.

## Fly Strike

Rabbit can also suffer from heatstroke, but the most common problem we tend to see if rabbits in summer is fly strike. This occurs when flies are attracted by faeces, and lay their eggs by the rabbit's anus. These hatch into maggots, which eat the flesh. Daily checking is needed in hot summer months, especially elderly or obese rabbits, who may find it difficult to groom themselves. Rearguard is a useful preventative, which prevents any eggs laid developing, and lasts for 8-10 weeks.

## Grass Seeds

Grass seeds are very common in the summer months. The pointy seeds can work their way under the skin, commonly between the toes on their paws. This causes a painful lump, and dogs constantly lick at their paws and can start limping. They can also get into the ears or eyes, and cause a dog to suddenly start shaking their head or closing and rubbing at their eye.

## Insect Stings

Most of the time, a single insect sting is just painful and irritating, however multiple stings or being stung in the mouth or throat can be life threatening, as the swelling can block the airway. An allergic reaction, or severe multiple strings, can cause general weakness, difficulty breathing and swelling at the sting site. These need to be treated by a vet as soon as possible.

This information is given by Kelly Gore from Hampden Veterinary Hospital. For any information or advice, contact: 01296 745371 or call in to see them in Kingsgate or at the hospital in Aylesbury Town Centre.



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Each week has a different topic, so no matter if your child wants to come for one day, a week or the whole summer holiday there will always be something different to do each time.

With our large secure outdoor area with climbing frames, a go-kart track, multi-use games area and lots of toys and equipment, you can be sure that the children will be spending a lot of time outside.

We are also planning to invite some guests throughout the summer holidays who can tell us about their jobs, hobbies and interests such as the fire brigade, police and even a steam engine driver and his locomotive.

For those that are more creative, we have craft activities on offer such as cling film painting, creating friendship trees, making your own pencil toppers and lots more plus our cupboards are full of toys, ranging from construction toys to Action Man, Barbie, board games and dressing up costumes and so much more. There never is a dull moment at our playschemes.

25 July – Holidays

30 July – Creative

6 August – Health & Fitness

13 August – Cooking Week

20 August – Colours

28 August – Family

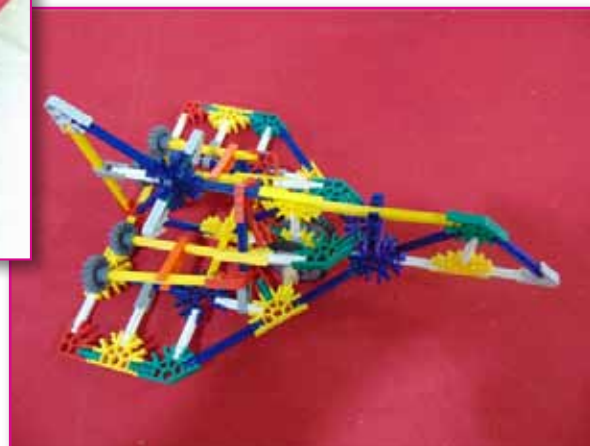
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The playscheme is open to all children from the age of 4 up to their 13th birthday. To book a session at any of the playschemes and for more information please visit our website [www.aylesburytowncouncil.gov.uk/jppc](http://www.aylesburytowncouncil.gov.uk/jppc) or call us on 01296 336413.

If you would like to visit the Centre together with your children, so you can see and experience what we have to offer first hand and meet our team of qualified staff, then please give us a call to arrange a date and time.

We are very much looking forward to more fun and action packed playschemes and to welcoming everyone.

**Judith Priest – Aylesbury Town Council**



# Summer Highlights at Aylesbury Waterside Theatre

A must-see musical, youth production celebrating local talent, live music and circus shenanigans are all in store this summer at the Waterside!

West End phenomenon **Jersey Boys** is working its way back to Aylesbury, having won 57 major awards worldwide. Featuring the legendary hits of Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons, this is a chance to enjoy an unforgettable story full of heart and humour alongside classics including *Beggin'*, *Can't Take My Eyes Off You* and *Big Girls Don't Cry*.

Following the success of the theatre's first ever Stage Experience with *Vivo D'Arte*, the youth theatre project returns promising another full scale production of Andrew Lloyd Webber and Jim Steinman classic **Whistle Down the Wind**. With cast from Aylesbury, Tring, Thame, Waddesdon to name just a few areas, do not miss a chance to see this enchanting story brought to life on stage this August.



Picture by: Brinkhoff & M+Âgenburg

A reminder that tickets are selling fast for this year's swashbuckling pantomime **Peter Pan** – hook yours now to get the best seats!

Book today at the **Box Office**, call **0844 871 7607** (bkg fee. Calls cost 7p per min plus your phone company's access charge) or visit [atgtickets.com/aylesbury](http://atgtickets.com/aylesbury) (bkg fee).



## COMPETITION TIME!

Win 2 x tickets to see **Jersey Boys** at Aylesbury Waterside Theatre on Mon 9 Jul at 7.30pm. Simply complete this Frankie Valli & The Four Seasons mega hit: *Walk Like A .....*

Email your answer to [alisontrimming@theambassadors.com](mailto:alisontrimming@theambassadors.com) by Friday 22nd June. Good luck!

## SUMMER 2018 at Aylesbury Waterside Theatre:

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| • Mamma Mia   | Tue 26 – Sat 30 Jun |
| • Jersey Boys   | Tue 3 – Sat 14 Jul  |
| • Cirque Berserk                                      | Mon 23 – Wed 25 Jul |
| • Some Guys Have All the Luck – The Rod Stewart Story | Thu 26 Jul          |
| • The Magic of Motown                                 | Fri 27 Jul          |
| • Milkshake! Live                                     | Sat 28 Jul          |
| • Whistle Down the Wind                               | Thu 16 – Sat 18 Aug |
| • The Story of Guitar Heroes                          | Wed 22 Aug          |

## Friends against Scams – can you help prevent scams in your neighbourhood?

Scams affect the lives of millions of people across the UK. People who are scammed often experience shame and social isolation as a result.

**Friends Against Scams** is a National Trading Standards (NTS) Scams Team initiative, which aims to protect and prevent people from becoming victims of scams by empowering communities to “Take a Stand Against Scams”.

**Friends Against Scams** has been created to tackle the lack of scams awareness by providing information about scams and those who fall victim to them. This information enables communities and organisations to understand scams, talk about scams and cascade messages throughout communities about scams prevention and protection.

**Friends Against Scams** encourages communities and organisations to take the knowledge learnt and turn it into action.

Anybody can join **Friends Against Scams** and make a difference in their own way.

If you are interested in finding out more and helping to spread scam prevention knowledge please visit the Friends Against Scams website.

**Diane Brown (Police, NHW & Community Messaging Co-ordinator, Aylesbury Vale LPA)**



## Useful Numbers

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## Dates for the next full council meetings

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

- Thursday 7th June
- Thursday 5th July
- Thursday 6th September
- Thursday 4th October

There is no meeting in August

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Some of our young carers have very limited access to social activities because of their caring role, so during schools holidays we can offer some activities and outings. This may be a day doing art, a visit to Wendover Woods, or occasionally further afield like a day at the seaside or a safari park. For older young carers there may be overnight stays and short breaks. We never charge for any of our activities so that all of our young carers have equal access to our services.



We offer regular clubs for young carers in Aylesbury & High Wycombe for three age groups; 6-9, 10-12 and 13+.

These are a fun, social opportunity where young carers can meet up in a safe and relaxed atmosphere, with access to games & computers etc We also run craft and cooking activities and a meal is provided.



There are trained staff and volunteers for the young carers to talk to.

We provide small support groups for young carers who have similar needs. The groups are an opportunity for young carers to gain more understanding of their caring role and to help them deal with difficult situations. These groups also incorporate fun activities and help to forge friendships.



The support that we offer depends on the needs of the individual and may change throughout their time at Young Carers Bucks.

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