



Coldharbour News

The Coldharbour Parish Council Newsletter

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Forthcoming Parish Council Community Events

Annual Remembrance Service Sunday 10th November



The event starts at 10:30 am in the Church on Fairford Leys. All are welcome to attend this special service or to assemble in the Square at 11:00am for the Two Minute Silence, followed by a short Service of Remembrance in honour of those who have given their lives in service of their country. Wreaths will be laid by Chairman of the Council Adam Cllr Adam Poland, local and district councillors and representatives of the community.

You are invited to join us afterwards in the Fairford Leys Centre for refreshments.

Christmas in the Square Saturday 7th December

This celebration of Christmas starts at 5pm with community singing led by Aylesbury Concert Band; followed by Christmas Carols and an Outdoor Nativity presented by the Church on Fairford Leys. Hopefully, after this a loud rendition of Jingle Bells will point Father Christmas in the right direction for the square. This is a free council sponsored event and every child will meet Santa and receive a bag of sweets kindly donated by Fairford Leys WI.



News from the Clerk

Tree works across Fairford Leys

The parish council has already carried out some tree works and has removed and replanted trees on Kingsash and Trebah Square. We are also arranging to plant a number of new trees across various parts of the parish and will remove some dead trees.

One of the planned works is to remove the unsuitable trees which have been planted in Disraeli Square. Some of the trees are

dying, even after re-planting in the early days and are now causing damage to the road surface and paths and this will get much worse if we don't act now. They are not the right kind of trees for this area – similar to the ones we have removed elsewhere. We will be replanting with a smaller variety of Silver Birch tree which will be much better suited to the site and will also not shed sap, like the current trees, which is causing paint work problems on cars.

The work won't be done in one session but over a period of time.

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New Technology to be installed on the streets of Fairford Leys

The ADEPT SMART Places Live Labs Programme is a two-year, £22.9 million programme funded by the Department for Transport and supported by project partners SNC-Lavalin's Atkins business, EY, Kier, O2, Ringway and WSP. Led by local authorities, it aims to introduce digital innovation across SMART mobility, transport, highways maintenance, data, energy and communications. The project in Aylesbury plans to install new technology on the streets of Fairford Leys.

Over the past month, a number of goals have been achieved including:

- Solar and wind suppliers have been selected with the aim of installing a 'first in the UK' design.
- Work has started to develop a composite (fibre glass) lighting column, kinetic energy recovery roadway, gully & smart sensors.

Suppliers and finances are due to be released to these partners very soon with works beginning in the coming months.

Discussions with Nokia to plan a 5G installation in the Fairford Leys area have begun and a meeting is scheduled for 9th October to discuss how we could make the installation a reality;

As agreed by the parish council the luminaires (lights) to be installed on the composite lighting columns are as shown.



Results of Survey – The Value of Community

Some of you may remember taking part in a survey by University College of Estate Management UCEM. The results are now available on:-

<https://www.ucem.ac.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/Value-of-Community-Building-a-Legacy.pdf>

Keith Gray
Clerk to Coldharbour Parish Council

Grounds Maintenance Update

The summer baskets have been in full bloom for several months and we hope you have enjoyed them, we are particularly proud of the display and the team works very hard through the summer to keep them looking their best, we will be taking them down shortly and will soon start our winter planting.

Some of you may not know that we have an allotment site at the bottom end of the village, just off Chelsea Road, if you're interested in a plot please pop into the Fairford Leys Centre and put yourself on the waiting list.

Sadly we are experiencing fly tipping in certain areas, we do our best to remove any unwanted items as quickly as we can, because it seems the longer it stays there the more it is added to, if you see anyone dumping rubbish, please report this to the police and the parish council.

The maintenance of the parks is ongoing, all the works reported by ROSPA has been completed, hedges and general works

will be ongoing over the winter months, All the parks play equipment has been painted recently; some of the fencing and benches are still to be completed.

We have been strimming, cutting and spraying the weeds as part of our work schedule; we will continue this work over the winter months.

Some of you may not know that the parish council has a salt spreading machine; this is deployed in heavy snow around the village to assist in keeping the residents moving during the winter months.

We would like to hear from any residents who have any questions, or just want to find out more about what we as a parish council do for all the residents. Please feel free to contact us at the Fairford Leys Centre or speak with the team when you see them around, we are always happy to help.

Steve Webb
Senior Grounds Maintenance Officer



From Your Chairman

As it is time to write up this Chairman's column I cannot help but look out the window at the autumn sunshine and remember the fantastic summer we have had in Fairford Leys. To me, the summer is bookmarked by Fair in the Square and Music in the Square. These were another two great events, and they have become embedded within the fabric of Fairford Leys. As always, volunteers are needed to help run these events, so please, if you would like to help, see Andy at the Fairford Leys Centre.

As ever, our floral displays have been outstanding and are a real credit to the grounds team who are out working in all weathers. One of the reasons that Fairford Leys is maintained so well is the foresight the Parish Council and the Clerk had years ago in devolving these services to the parish as opposed to relying on the wider councils. I really feel that it gives the personal touch.

If you have visited the Community Centre you may have noticed that Andy and his team have been busy maintaining and modernising the centre. There should be some new entrance doors soon, the lights have been replaced by brighter more efficient models and the toilets have been improved.

Over the next few years, Fairford Leys will be navigating uncharted waters in relation to the new unified authority coming online next year and the looming presence of HS2. During September, Cllr Cole and I spent an evening meeting with representatives of HS2 and their local construction partners Effiage Kier. We had several concerns that we raised at this meeting and please be reassured that your parish council will be acting on your behalf to ensure that although there will be some disruption, Fairford Leys is as unaffected as possible. I encourage all residents that when HS2/Effiage Kier have their consultation events at our community centre, as many of you attend as possible to understand the concerns and potential impacts. We have already informed them that these events need to finish later so that people at work during the day can also attend. See more details on page 5.

From Your Chairman - continued

As always, the Parish Council meets on the first Thursday of the month at the Community Centre from 8pm. Everyone is welcome to attend these meetings and ask questions of your council. If you are strapped for time, you could always direct your enquiry to the Coldharbour Parish Council Facebook Page, where the information/answers you get will be directly from the people in the know or who will be dealing with your enquiry or problems. In addition we have the Parish Council Website where there is general information and meeting minutes.

It is scary to think that when I next write this column it will be 2020, so I take this opportunity to wish you all (admittedly very early) a Happy Christmas and peaceful New Year.

Cllr Adam Poland
Chairman of
Coldharbour
Parish Council



The Church on Fairford Leys Christmas Programme 2019



1st Dec	9.15 am 10.30 am	Quiet Communion All Together Worship
Saturday 7th	5.00 pm	Carols in the Square and outdoor Nativity
8th Dec	10.30 am 4.00 pm	Holy Communion & Gifts Service Christingle Service
15th Dec	9.15 am 10.30 am 6.00 pm	Quiet Communion Family Service Carols by Candlelight
22nd Dec	10.30 am	Holy Communion
29th Dec	10.30 am	Carol Praise
<u>Tue 24th Dec</u>	<u>Christmas Eve</u>	
4.00 pm	Crib Service	
11.30 pm	Holy Communion	
<u>Wed 25th Dec</u>	<u>Christmas Day</u>	
10.00 am	Family Service	



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

St Mary's C of E School Joyce Trust

The Joyce Trust Charity was set up in 2005 and registered with The Charity Commission. The aim of the Trust is to promote the education at St Mary's School by providing financial assistance for those parents who might be experiencing financial difficulties for school trips, music lessons and the hiring of musical instruments.

This registered charity is in memory of Mrs. Joyce Husk, a past Headteacher of St Mary's. Mrs. Husk was passionate about giving all children access to music and outside experiences.

Parents, Guardians and Carers of pupils attending St Mary's School may apply to the trust, by completing the application form which is available on the school website or in the reception area of the school, then returning it in a sealed envelope addressed to the Finance Manager of St Mary's School. The envelopes will then be forwarded to the clerk of the trust.

The trustees will consider, with equity and fairness, all applications. Only the Trustees and the Clerk to the Trust have sight of the applications and all are dealt with the highest confidentiality. Following the outcome of your application, the clerk will write to you directly informing you of the Trustees' decision. If your application has been successful, the agreed funds will be forwarded to the school account. All applications

for assistance are managed in a sensitive and confidential manner, and your details will not be passed on to any other part.

We do hope you will take advantage of this worthwhile charity.

Music Lessons

The children have the opportunity to learn a musical instrument provided by the services of Aylesbury Music Centre and by private teachers. At present keyboard, flute, guitar, piano and violin lessons are available. There is a charge for these lessons and parents need to provide an instrument, which can be arranged through the Music Centre or from a local music shop. The school has its own keyboards and piano. The lessons are usually in groups of up to 4 pupils and are offered to children from Year 3 upwards (piano lessons are offered for all ages). The lessons are either taken in the school day or after school. The Joyce Trust can help in the payment for lessons and hire of instruments for those pupils who meet the criteria.

For further information please contact:

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HS2 UPDATE – Impact on Fairford Leys



The parish council has been discussing the impact of HS2 on Fairford Leys for a number of years now. As most of you will know the HS2 ground works have already started and the following is the latest update we have had from HS2 representatives. There are a number of matters of real concern to the parish council and we will be considering what we need to address at our next meeting.

Oxford Road between Coldharbour Roundabout and Bugle Horn

To enable access to their worksite, they are going to build a signalised junction to allow traffic to turn into the site and exit the site, this will be by the boarded up wooden house on the left as you are driving up, called Glebe house. There will be high vehicle movements into and out of the site, including 200 white collar workers. We are concerned at the possible impact this will have on the areas around the Oxford Road. Traffic could end up backing into town and backing out through Stone. Fairford Leys will be highly affected by the impact of excess traffic and will cause problems to enter and exit. It appears the new Oxford Road plans do not account for this work further up the road. Oxford Road will be shut for at least 1 weekend during the construction period of the new road layout.

Andrews Way

Exploratory and prep work on the golf course will soon be carried out by HS2. This in itself is not a surprise, but they are planning to access the site via Andrews Way. This was never discussed, or agreed with the parish council and we were assured this would never happen. They insist it will only be 4x4 vehicles but we fear this will not be the case. We have already agreed, as a council, that we are putting fencing at the ends of the path there to stop people walking out into the road, but we may need to consider the vision splays re safety. There is also the potential impact on the residents of Andrews Way with the increase in traffic.

Height of Train Track Raised

The track height has been raised to allow gravity assisted water run off

Trains

There will be two types of train on the line, a specialised HS2 train which has not been procured and built yet and a train that can run both on HS2 and the West Coast Main Line. There will be a potential for 38 trains per hour.

Noise

We are struggling to determine how noisy it will be. We are within WHO guidelines but difficult to find out what that is in real terms (a slightly better situation than some 400 homes in Wendover who are above that threshold).

The noise of construction was never mentioned, but, when pushed, they admitted that work starts at 8am to 6pm with 1hr set up either side, so work on site would be between 7am and 8pm. There will be 'exceptional' circumstances when they will have to work later/into the night. We have queried who/what determines an exceptional circumstance. That is down to Effiage Kier/HS2 to determine.

Landscaping

We have requested a meeting with the team responsible for landscaping for our area. We want them to walk us through, on-site, their plans for the landscaping. They have agreed to do this. Marsh Lane at the back of Stoke Mandeville will be shut for a minimum of 3 years. This back road which avoids Stoke Mandeville and Walton Court will be inaccessible and will push all of that traffic onto the Aylesbury road system.

Potential Flood Risk

Our biggest concern is something we have just found out. It links in to the work on the Wendover tunnel and could have serious consequences for us as a parish. The water run-off from the tunnel, Nash Lee and everything between Fairford Leys and the Wendover tunnel will run through the stream that enters Fairford Leys by the Willows. This does not include the additional 1,400 houses planned for that site.

Fairford Leys was carefully planned with flood management in mind and the flood system on Fairford Leys works well. However, our flood defences would also need to deal with the extra water run-off placed through this stream until it discharges into the River Thames at the end of Fairford Leys; a significant increase in the volume of water. This raises concerns. We all recall the flooding the Willows experienced a few years back. The River Thames only needs to get blocked slightly, unexpected heavy rainfall or other event could potentially see parts of Fairford Leys flood. We will address these matters and work with Aylesbury Town Council and Bucks County Council to endeavour to address any flooding concerns.

This may cause problems in respect of house insurance for the majority of Fairford Leys residents as the flood risk has inevitably increased. Effiage Kier/HS2 have 'just' received new data from the Environment Agency which they are analysing. We have requested that we also have access to the raw data.

Please be assured that the Parish Council will address any matters of concern in respect of HS2 and the impact it will have on Fairford Leys. It will mean disruption no matter what we do and if HS2 is to proceed then the impact will be big on Fairford Leys and we must be prepared for that as best as we can. If residents wish to address these concerns further, it may be helpful to raise the issues directly with your MP as well as HS2: the more people that raise the concerns, the better.

Keith Gray - Clerk to Coldharbour Parish Council

The Church on Fairford Leys

You must celebrate the Festival of Harvest with the first crop of the wheat harvest, and celebrate the Festival of the Final Harvest at the end of the harvest season.

Exodus 34:22

It's not Christmas yet!

I know that some people like to plan well in advance, and circumstances sometimes force us to (you'll find details of our Christmas services in this issue, for instance), but there is so much more to enjoy at this time of year. Walking down the aisles past chocolate Santas while still wearing shorts and t-shirt is a bit strange (unless you live in Australia).

Autumn has a richness of its own, and we shouldn't by-pass it. Is it characterised by thanksgiving. We reflect on the summer just past, and share memories of holidays and re-live moments of relaxation or adventure. We consider the growth in our families as children move class, change school, start college, or take up full-time work. Yes, there are pictures of ill-fitting uniforms, and "where have the years gone" posts, but actually those young people represent a wealth of experience, knowledge and potential – many things to be grateful for.

It is also the time when we look to the past and remember those whose lives were cut short in the service of their

countries. We consider the peace that we have enjoyed as a result, and the nations take a moment to honour their memory and show gratitude for their sacrifice.

The season of autumn is marked in different ways; in North America and elsewhere there is the annual Thanksgiving Day; family dinners, local parades and a national holiday. In this country we have many examples of the Harvest Festival and community supper; the Jewish Autumn festival of Sukkot takes a whole week, when the people remember and are thankful for the provision given during the years of wandering in the wilderness.

Harvest is a visible sign that we live in a world where all we need has been provided. It is good to remind ourselves of that at least once a year, and be grateful to those who ensure that the produce of farm and ocean arrives as life-sustaining packets on the supermarket shelf. It is also a time to think about the creator who has set us to tend and watch over his creation; to remember our responsibility, and to be thankful.

Revd Anthony Howells – The Church on Fairford Leys



Fairford Leys Centre News

We have recently said a fond farewell to John Grimes who for many years ran a regular Tuesday night Yoga Class at the centre. John has decided it is time to retire and we offer him a fond farewell, good health and happiness, I am sure all who attended his classes join us in that.



As they say time and tide wait for no man and I am pleased to say that John's class has been taken over by Tara of Serendipity Yoga who will be running the class at the original time of 6:30 to 8:00pm in the Ernest Cook hall every Tuesday.

Tara is not our only new hirer and we are also pleased to welcome Helen Attwood who is running two bounce classes at the centre on Monday evenings 7:00 to 8:45pm and 9:30 to 10:15am on a Thursday morning. Zoey Nelson who already runs a children's Zumba class on Thursday afternoons is now also offering a Zumbini class Thursday mornings 10:30 to 11:30am. Other new classes include a U3A yoga class on Wednesdays 11:30am to 12:30pm; Saturday morning also offers a Yoga class from 10:30 to 11:15am.

The centre now has an exercise class on nearly every day of the week, and when you add in our children's classes and groups for older individuals we believe we really do have something for everyone.

For any information on any of the classes at the centre please email andy@fairfordleyscentre.org.uk or call 01296 422800.

**Andy Barnett
Fairford Leys Centre Manager**

Day	Ernest Cook Hall	Coldharbour Hall
Monday	09.00 – 15.30 Monday Contact Club 16.00 – 18.00 Available for Hire 18.45 – 19.45 Fergie's Fitness 20.00 – 21.30 Hatha Yoga	10.00 – 11.00 Kettlercise 16.00 – 18.00 Available for Hire 16.30 – 17.30 Premier Sports Futsal (4-6 Yrs) 17.30 – 18.30 Premier Sports Futsal (7-10Yrs) 19.00 – 20.45 Bounce Class 21.00 – 22.00 Available for Hire
Tuesday	09.30 – 12.00 NHS Diabetes Education 12.00 – 15.00 Available for Hire 16.00 – 18.10 Claydons Dance Academy 18.30 – 20.00 Gentle & Therapeutic Yoga 20.15 – 21.30 Swing Dance MK	09.00 – 10.30 Available for Hire 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 11.30 – 12.30 Yoga (U3A) 12.45 – 14.30 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 – 2.30 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	09.30 – 10.30 Bounce class 10.30 – 11.30 Zumbino 16.00 – 18.00 Childrens Zumba 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 – 12.30 Weeniebeans Soft Play 13.30 – 16.00 50+ Friendship group 17.00 – 23.00 Available for hire	09.30 – 10.15 Tiny Tots Football 10.30 – 11.30 Badminton (Private) 11.45 – 19.00 Available for Hire 20.00 – 22.00 Church Badminton Group
Saturday	10.30 – 11.15 Yoga Class	10.00 – 11.30 ZKS Martial Arts
Sunday	Available for Hire	Available for Hire

Our Community - The British



On a Friday evening in the Co-op the sight of a camouflage clad British Army Officer pottering around buying peanut butter, eggs and Pink Gin is not an unusual occurrence in Fairford Leys. When I moved here in August 2009, after living for years in tiny rooms at various UK barracks, I knew I had found a home in a wonderful community. Our amazing staff in the Co-op over the last 10 years have never once battered an eye at my uniform but I have definitely scared a few small children - it was not intentional I promise. Knowing that I could wear my uniform with pride, be it in the shop, the China Brassiere or at the Remembrance Day Service has truly made me feel part of our strong community.

Fairford Leys is a fantastic place to live and I have been blessed to be a small part of it. As a Buckinghamshire girl from Slough I was keen to make my first home in our fine county and Fairford Leys offered everything I wanted in location, amenities and a real community spirit. On the 3rd August 2009 I moved in with nothing but an Ikea chair and promises from DFS and Argos that they would deliver a sofa and bed the next day! Time was of the essence for me to get moved in because a few weeks prior I was told I was deploying to Afghanistan on the 5th September for 6 months, I was panicked about how my new

home would be looked after. Those few short weeks are still blurry but what I remember most is meeting my wonderful neighbours and I knew right away that I did not have anything to worry about. I have been overwhelmed with the kindness and love of my friends and neighbours here in Fairford Leys.

As a 45-year-old Major serving in the Royal Logistic Corps (RLC), when I am asked to describe my role in non-military terms it can be quite a challenge. The RLC is basically the Amazon or Tesco of the Army, if something is needed somewhere in the world - we get it there. The supply of food, water, fuel, equipment, weapons, clothing, ammunition, post services and port operations are all our responsibility. If a Unit or soldier on the front-line needs equipment, it is our job to demand it, pack it, ship it and deliver it - at the right time, to the right place and person, and in the right quantities. We do this by land, sea and air operations, always working closely with other units and organisations including the RAF, Royal Navy and civilian organisations such as Leidos based in Bicester.

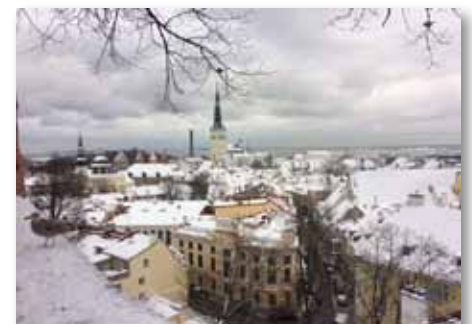
When I enlisted in 2003, I wanted to take on and experience the new challenges which being in the British Army presents daily. This is still true today, everyday throws up something different - and as I write this I am receiving reports about illegal fly-tipping on camp - troubleshooting has to be at the top of my skillset. I truly love my role, it is not just a career, it is very much a 24/7 life choice which you must embrace. Being away from home for long periods certainly puts pressure on relationships, especially for those left behind; our soldiers are away for 6 months, focused on the job, but their spouse or family are now filling every role back at home. Their support is vital to the soldier and this includes support from your community as well, we could not do our jobs without this.

I have been the Officer in Command of Deepcut Support Unit in Surrey since

2017, supporting the training of new RLC soldiers as they progress from basic training to learn their logistic trades. When I arrived I had no idea what the role would entail. It has been a rollercoaster so far, I deal with everything from burst pipes on camp to the local community asking if they can secure a future burial plot in the barracks church cemetery! On paper, my role is to close the barracks, Deepcut is one of the MOD sites earmarked for closure in 2020 and I must ensure the units on camp leave in good order before I hand the site over to the housing development companies. Deepcut is the future site for 1200 new homes, a new school and a revamped church - yes, the one that they all want plots in! I love the diversity of this role, the only downside is that I live in camp during the week, away from my Fairford Leys support network and Munchies

I have deployed across the world and experienced a number of operational tours of duty, two deployments to Iraq, Afghanistan and most recently Estonia. Despite being a logistics officer, these deployments were in very different roles, including working in casualty management for the EOD Regiment (bomb disposal) in Afghanistan.

Estonia was the most challenging tour, I deployed as part of a 3 man lead team to establish relations with our Estonian NATO allies and to set up a new camp for a UK lead multinational battlegroup of 1200 troops. I had 3 months to get Tapa Camp ready prior to the first troops arriving in February 2017 and I worked hard to ensure it was a success.



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Army and Fairford Leys



Estonia Inload - Military Ferry Mar 2017



Estonia Inload - Heavy Lift of Armoured Vehicles

On my return to the UK I was delighted and honoured to learn that I was to be awarded a Queen's Commendation for Valuable Service in the Operational Honours List. To me I was simply doing my job to the best of my ability, getting the job done is what it is all about. To receive a commendation for that is very humbling, and my mum cried.



QCVS Presentation with my mum Grace

Earlier I said there is always pressure on those left behind and while I was away for those 6 months my amazing friends next door (Jan and Ian - aka Fairford Leys mum and dad) looked after my home making sure nothing went wrong, including project managing the installation of all new windows. My other neighbours also watched over

my home, with Carole launching herself through my back gate to challenge the unknown workmen - total legend! This sums up what a remarkable community Fairford Leys is, there will always be gripes about local issues, but when it comes down to the bones of it we have some totally amazing people living here. A community is not about the shops, buildings or the layout of the houses, it is about the people that live here and how they come together to help and support each other. Our community events are always very well supported, Fair in the Square is my personal favourite, and we also support the wider Aylesbury community as well, by taking part in events such as the Florence Nightingale Midnight Walk and supporting Armed Forces Day at

the rugby club. This is the true essence of a community, how the people come together in times of need or to simply enjoy each other's company with an ice cream (or pink gin) as the little ones go on the fair rides in the square.

I consider myself very lucky to be a part of our Fairford Leys community, my first 10 years here have been very happy, and I have been blessed with lasting friendships, love and support. So finally, if you see me wandering around Co-op in uniform on Friday night clutching a pepperoni pizza and Malbec, please come and say hello and remind me to buy a healthy salad as well!

Major Fiona Dangerfield RLC
Fairford Leys Resident



Village News

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Community events organised by Coldharbour Parish Council

*Remembrance Service	Sunday 10th November 2019
*Christmas in the Square	Saturday 7th December 2019
Fair in the Square	Saturday 11th July 2020
Music in the Square	Saturday 8th September 2020

* See details on page 2

Keeping Fairford Leys Tidy



The following is a message from Martin and Jenny Whitfield. You may remember we include an article about them in the last October newsletter. Our continued thanks to them and please take a note of what they say.

"We still go out and pick up litter virtually every week of the year, but about 90% of our time is taken up on the main road through the village because of the people who drive through our village and discard their rubbish through their car windows.

There isn't anything we can do to prevent this, it just means we can't get to the other parts of the village.

Therefore, can we suggest that it would be helpful and quite easy if our residents could clear the small amount of litter that collects outside their individual homes, this would go a long way towards keeping our village tidy.

Also, to the small number of irresponsible dog owners who pick up their dog waste and then throw it into the bushes, DON'T DO IT.

Many thanks

Martin and Jenny"

Cllr Sarah James is compiling a list of volunteers she can contact when the council next organise a litter pick. Should you be interested in joining them, please email sjames75@hotmail.com

Cllr Sally Pattinson - Editor

Charity Events

Fairford Leys residents complete the London Marathon for charity

In April my husband and I ran the London marathon in memory of my brother Ian who passed away from muscular dystrophy last August. Ian loved visiting Helen and Douglas House Hospice so we wanted to say thank you to them by running the marathon for them. We only started training in November and went from coach to marathon in just 5 months!

We managed to raise over £11,000 and did various fund raising events such as a

quiz at the Fairford Leys Centre, a raffle at Tesco Broadfields with prizes donated by the local community and a prize draw with audience to see "A League of Their Own" donated by Jamie Redknapp.

We just wanted to say thank you to the community who really helped us smash our target.

David Batchelor, my Boss at Wills and Trusts in Thame also matched our fundraising which brought us to our £11,290.50 total.

**Katy Gannon
Fairford Leys resident**

A promotional graphic for Action Fraud. At the top, there are logos for 'Friends Against SCAMS', 'NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH', and 'NATIONAL TRADING STANDARDS Scams Team'. Below these is a person holding a sign that reads: "If you or someone you know has fallen victim to a scam, report it immediately to ActionFraud! #ScamAware". At the bottom, the 'ActionFraud' logo is displayed, along with the text 'National Fraud & Cyber Crime Reporting Centre' and the phone number '0300 123 2040'. Social media handles for Facebook (@FriendsAgainstScams), Twitter (@AgainstScams), and YouTube (Friends Against Scams) are also listed, along with the website www.friendsagainstscams.org.uk.

A Facebook page has been created to share updates from Trading Standards, Neighbourhood Watch Groups and Thames Valley Police. All are welcome to join so we can help spread the word on recent scams and phishing spams.

This is a closed group so you will need to apply and agree to abide by Facebook standards. Here is the link to Community Standards website which we follow... <https://www.facebook.com/communitystandards>

**Rio Harper
Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator
for Fairford Leys**



and Events

Call for local Santas to take to the streets for local Hospicecare.

Florence Nightingale Hospice Charity is putting out a call for Santas of all ages to take to the streets of Haddenham and Wendover this December. After the success of last year's event in Wendover which saw over 320 Santas run, walk and scoot 2km through the town raising over £2,000 for local hospice care, the Charity has added an additional event this year in Haddenham. The Santa Dash will take place in Haddenham on Sunday 1st December and in Wendover on Saturday 21st December. The Santa Dashes are



suitable for all the generations, making this a great Christmas event for all the family. All entrants will be provided with a Santa suit to make a splash of seasonal colour through the streets

You can register for the events online at the Florence Nightingale Hospice Charity website at fnhospice.org.uk/events/santa-dashes/, with Early Bird discounts available until midnight on 31st October or call 01296 429975 for more information.



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Fair in the S

Saturday 13th July dawned sunny and the scene was set for another Fair in the Square; one of the yearly highlights of living in Fairford Leys. This year saw the return of the Ferris Wheel and the Sizzler was a welcome edition (just not after eating!). Crowds were large again and we had stalls and displays sprawling all across Hampden Square.

The Parish Council and Community Centre staff love organising and hosting this brilliant community event. Organising this event takes up to a year and involves road closure notices, liaising with Thames Valley Police, fairground ride organisers and numerous stall holders and outside agencies.

These events are staffed by volunteers from the Parish Council and staff from the Community Centre. Particular thanks go to a community volunteer this year, Sarah Collins, who volunteered to run a stall on behalf of the council and community. More

volunteers are always welcome to help us keep the fair going as there is a very small band of people who run this large event.

You may notice that we now run a community bar and BBQ. This is to help fund these events and make them sustainable for the future. Therefore every pint you drink or burger you eat helps fund the event for future years.

Take a look at the pictures to bring back some happy memories of a summers day.

The date for Fair in the Square 2020 has already been set as Saturday 11th July. Hopefully see you all again next year!

Cllr Adam Poland
Chairman of Coldharbour Parish Council

Pictures by Ian Morris and Tony Whittaker



Allotment Competition Winners

The Chairman presented the prizes to the winners of the 2019 Allotment Competition. The 3rd prize was won by the Oxley family. Well done to all who took part.



First Prize winner - Mr McNicholas



Second Prize winner - Mr Applegate

Square 2019



Music in the



Saturday 7th September was the date for Music in the Square (MITS) 2019. The eagle-eyed amongst you may have noticed a subtle change to the event this year. The parish council and the Clerk ran and managed the whole evening, from organising the bands, staging, licences, bar and BBQ to clearing up after the event. We would like to thank Dan Blaze for his work in establishing this for our community over the previous few years.

Preparation for this event begins in January and picks up in intensity following Fair in the Square. Like all of our events, MITS is carefully budgeted for and costed to make it a free event for the community. Everyone who bought a drink or ate a burger contributed to the sustainability of our community events.

A big thank you goes to Cllr. Cole who was in the Square at 7am on the day, organising the staging, checking the sound and making sure that everything was ready for our performers. The beauty of a community event is that



Square 2019



community members can take part and this was highlighted with some excellent performances between the headline bands; contact Cllr. Cole if you want a spot next year!.

The bar and BBQ were superbly organised by Cllr. James and Cllr. Baughan and thank you to all the Parish Councillors and volunteers who gave up their time to keep our community refreshed! During the event our grounds team and community centre staff litter pick, trouble shoot and generally do all they can to keep the event running smoothly, so a big thank you to them.

Cllr Adam Poland – Chairman of Coldharbour Parish Council



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Our WI has had a really busy summer this year with lots of events, trips and speakers. Some of our members went to Brill WI in April where we were lucky to listen to an amazing Harpist in the village's beautiful church, and then enjoyed a lovely spread of sandwiches and cake afterwards. Our speaker that month was Suzannah Hart who is the daughter of Jennifer Worth who wrote 'Call the Midwife', about her early life in London.

A coach trip was organised to Brighton which was a great day out. There was also a trip to see the Medical detection dogs, to see how they are trained to sniff out illness and how they detect seizures.

We enjoyed seeing a lot of you at the Fair in the Square in July which was busy and enjoyed good weather again. We had a great seaside themed social evening in August with delicious food, a competition and games.

Our members this year have set up

a "knit and natter" afternoon which is held in the Fairford Leys Centre. We are knitting or sewing poppies together at the moment to sell on behalf of the Royal British Legion. Anyone is very welcome to come along and join us to come and make a poppy or other project, or just come in for a natter. The next dates are, 3rd October, 7th November and 5th December between 1pm and 3.15pm.

We have a lot to look forward to for the rest of the year; first, a trip to Blenheim



palace at the end of November for their Christmas market. Then we have the Christmas in the Square where we will be in the community centre once again selling mulled wine and mince pies along with our "Christmas Chocolate" tombola. We hope to see you all there.

We hold our meetings on the third Thursday of the month in the community centre at 7.30, so why not come along, we would love to see you.

Jane Rice
President of Fairford Leys WI



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The Patient Action Group for Whitehill Practice was formed by volunteer patients who came together for differing reasons, from wanting to make our appointment system work better, to helping understand the issues facing our surgery. We found that we all had one thing in common when we came together which was:

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We now have a Facebook Group to keep patients up to date with changes taking place, and updates on new events (such as our Honey Bee fundraiser)

Around 500 patients have already signed up; if you haven't signed up as yet and would like to join the Facebook Group you can find us at **"Patient Action Group Whitehill Group"** and be kept up to date with changes that are happening.

We also welcome new people who may be interested in joining the PAG aid; If you have an hour or so to spare one Tuesday evening each month, why not pop along and see what we are about. We would love to see you there! Please contact us via the practice email:

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Impressive shots of a Lancaster Bomber over Fairford Leys

On Sunday 30th June, many of you will have seen a Lancaster Bomber flying over Fairford Leys and some of you may have seen the impressive pictures by Paul Timms on the Fairford Leys Community Facebook page. The plane circled 3 times around Avondale Care home as part of their Armed Forces Day celebrations.


As a reminder and for those who missed it, here a few of Pauls wonderful pictures.



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Consultation events will be held across the region – please see www.futureluton.llal.org.uk for further information and updates. Consultation event dates and venues will be published before the consultation begins.



Jonathan Page play Centre

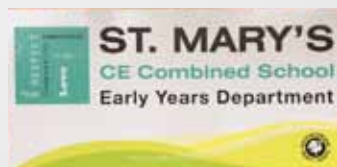
AFTER SCHOOL CLUB & HOLIDAY PLAYSCHEMES

We hope you all enjoyed the summer as much as we did?! We had a brilliant and very busy time. Every week was packed full of fun and exciting activities. We made various crafts, played lots of fun games and even had a visit from the Police, who let us all sit in their car and try out the siren. Zumba was also on the agenda on some days, when Vicki came and taught us lots of different Zumba moves to which we all danced along. Our favourite week was cooking week, when we made pizza, decorated cupcakes, and even baked scones and bread rolls. The whole centre smelled like a bakery! We all enjoyed running around in the great outdoor area, riding on the go-karts and playing football and lots of other games as well as chilling in the garden and just having chats.

But now it is time to look forward to the next Playscheme. In December it is all things Christmas and New Year. The children will be making cards and Christmas decorations with plenty of sparkles and smiles. We will be making New Year's resolutions together with the children and celebrate the New Year with a disco. At all of our Playschemes, weather permitting, the children can also play outdoors, utilizing the go-kart track and climbing frames or stay indoors where they can choose from a great variety of toys and games.

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 or call us on 01296 336413. We are very much looking forward to more fun and action packed Playschemes.

Judith Priest - Aylesbury Town Council



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Aylesbury Waterside Theatre

One Belle of a pantomime is on its way!

The countdown is officially on to this year's enchanting family pantomime, ***Beauty & the Beast*** at **Aylesbury Waterside Theatre**.

The stars of this year's festive production include soap star **Danny Walters** and returning due to popular demand **Andy Collins** playing Louis Pot et Pan and **La Voix** playing Polly Pot et Pan.

Beauty and the Beast is the Waterside's 10th traditional family pantomime and tickets are selling fast for the annual production fast becoming the hot Christmas date in family diaries!

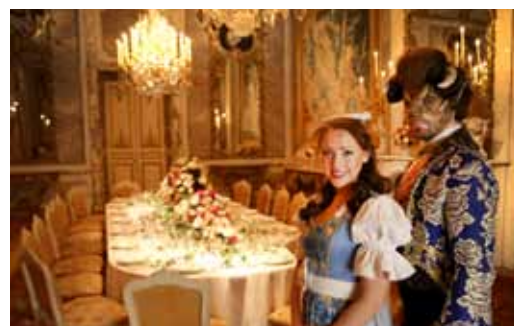
Andy Collins will be teaming up with La Voix for the 5th year and explained his love for the genre: 'Panto is just magical. I love working with La Voix, we bounce off each other and genuinely love every minute of being on that stage. The rapport we have with the audience is priceless and something

I look forward to every year. We'll be bringing back some of our favourite routines alongside plenty of new material. I can't wait to get this year's show on the road!'

Completing the festive line up are **Michael Quinn** playing Hugo Pompidou, and **Amelia Adams-Pearce** playing leading lady, Belle. Amelia is excited to be playing her favourite princess: 'Belle is a complete dream to play! She is beautiful inside and out, yet feisty and assertive too, and fiercely independent. She's very much a millennial, and a great modern day role model.'

Don't miss this sparkling fairy tale promising fun for all the family with plenty of panto slapstick alongside stunning sets, dazzling costumes and an action-packed adventure in a cursed castle under the spell of an evil enchantress!

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 (bkg fee).



Autumn 2019 at Aylesbury Waterside Theatre:

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