



# FAIRFORD TOWN COUNCIL

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## Mayor's Introduction



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I was honoured to be elected as Mayor at the Annual Meeting of the Town Council in May, and look forward to working with Councillors and the Clerks for the community over the next year.

Three Councillors have left the Council recently. Maurice Jones, who so ably served for nearly 20 years, has retired. Maurice's presence will be deeply missed and I would like to thank Maurice for all his hard work. Mike Lloyd has also resigned from the Council after a brief but useful spell on both the Finance and Planning Committees. Finally Suzanne Jones retired at the end of the year, and we thank her for excellent work on both the Facilities and Planning Committees.

This means there are three vacancies. **An election will be held on 11 July**, and more information on what is involved and how to apply is set out on page 4 of this Newsletter. Please do consider standing for election, or encourage your friends and family. I look forward to welcoming three new Councillors soon.

The Annual Town Meeting was held on 23 May 2013. The Annual Report is now available on the Town Council's website (details on page 2), or as a paper copy from the Council office.

Finally, I would like to thank the former Mayor, Cllr Rob Winney, for his work over the last two years. No doubt you will have seen the recently cleaned War Memorial, and we also have to thank Cllr Winney for initiating the fundraising for this.

Best wishes, Caroline Mumford

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## COUNCIL NEWS

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## Town Council Meetings

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The next two Full Town Council Meetings will be on **Tuesday 11th June** and **Tuesday 9th July** at 7pm in the Barker Room, Fairford Community Centre.

## Highways

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### Community Speed Watch

CSW is a local scheme under which a community has access to a speed gun and other equipment to monitor traffic speeds and log offenders in areas where speeding is perceived to be an issue. There needs to be a minimum of six volunteers in the scheme, each willing to contribute a minimum of one hour per week. Volunteers must be over 18 years old. The scheme must have a dedicated Co-ordinator and Deputy responsible for the equipment and contact with the police. Full training will be given and risk assessments carried out by the police. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, please contact the Town Council.

### Walnut Tree Field

We would like to bring to your attention the fact that **dogs must be kept on a lead at all times in the Walnut Tree Field.**

### Dog Fouling

Dog owners allowing their dogs to foul on footpaths and pavements and not clearing up the mess is an offence, and can result in a fine of up to £1000.

## Planning

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A public consultation concerning the potential development (a new Football Club, 24 retirement flats and up to 200 new family homes) on the land adjacent to, and including, Fairford Football Club will take place on Friday 28th June (11am—6pm) & Saturday 29th June (10am—3pm) in the Barker Room at the Community Centre. We would urge you to come along, look at the plans and give the developers your thoughts.

## Facilities

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Members of the community interested in helping the town to boost its youth service are needed for a new Youth Sub Committee to run events in the town for its young people. Since Gloucestershire County Council withdrew its youth provision in the town, the youth clubs have been run on an emergency basis by a small group of volunteers including Councillors. The Facilities Committee believes that now is the time to put youth provision on a sustainable footing for the future. Anyone interested in lending a hand please contact the Town Clerk, Vanessa Lawrence, at the Community Centre.

The Facilities Committee also wants to explore ways in which the town can be more attractive to visitors. A section in the Fairford Horizon 2016 document urges the Town Council to improve its image as a venue where tourists might come in greater numbers to enjoy what the town has to offer. A working party made up of Councillors, members of Fairford & Lechlade Business Club and interested residents will be formed to consider how this might be achieved, and we would welcome ideas from residents. It is important to ensure Fairford's sustainability as a community in its own right in order that the town doesn't complete a transformation into a dormitory town for its larger neighbours like Swindon.

Having completed a regeneration of youngsters' play equipment on the Walnut Tree Field, which won recognition from the Gloucestershire Playing Fields Association, the committee is considering if it might also do something to serve the exercise needs of the adults who accompany children to the play area. Please see the back page of the Newsletter for more information.

# Election for new Councillors

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## Why become a Councillor?

Are there aspects of Fairford that you would like to see improved? Are there things that you would like to see changed? Become a Councillor and help to make things happen.

Fairford Town Council needs active, interested and committed people to get involved and make a difference to our community. This is your chance to do something positive and to make a difference by influencing decisions that affect your community.

The task of a Councillor is to bring local issues to the attention of the Council and help it make decisions on behalf of the local community. You will be given training and guidance to enable you to succeed, and become part of a supportive and dedicated team of Town Councillors.

As a minimum, you will need to be able to attend Full Council meetings at 7pm on the second Tuesday of each month, and one or more committee meetings on another Tuesday each month.

## Want to know more?

Please phone the number below or come into the Council office in the Community Centre and talk to the Clerks, or talk to one of your Councillors.

## What happens next?

There will be an election on 11<sup>th</sup> July for **THREE** vacancies. A Candidate Pack is available from the Council offices and nominations must be returned to Cotswold District Council no later than **14<sup>th</sup> June**.

## Think you might be interested?

You need to contact the Town Council office and ask for a Candidate Pack.

Town Council Office: 01285 712344, [clerks@fairford-tc.co.uk](mailto:clerks@fairford-tc.co.uk)  
[www.fairfordtowncouncil.gov.uk](http://www.fairfordtowncouncil.gov.uk)

## **Cotswold District Council (CDC)**

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CDC has been preparing documentation as part of Core Strategy for planning purposes for some years. The Core Strategy was intended to take the place of the Local Plan and to guide the Council in planning decisions. Unfortunately the process proved incredibly cumbersome and CDC, in common with many other authorities, has not completed the process leaving the District open to multiple large scale planning applications and appeals. A paper has now been presented to Cabinet proposing a change in tack with the introduction of a new comprehensive Local Plan which will be fully compliant with the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) and, if adopted, allows the Council to regain control of planning and housing supply probably two years earlier than the Core Strategy process. Assuming Cabinet accepts the paper the Plan will go to public consultation and I would encourage residents to look for this on the CDC website and to send in their views on the proposals for Fairford.

A decision was taken at the budget-setting meeting of CDC to support a Council mortgage scheme. This would be intended to assist first-time buyers achieve a 25% deposit on a house purchase and so to access better borrowing rates. The Council is now going through the necessary legal work with a target introduction for the scheme in Autumn 2013. Once more information is available I will report further.

Finally, by the time of publication, one of the Tetrapack recycling bins will have been relocated from Tesco in Cirencester to the Fire Station in Fairford. Hopefully this will prove to be as popular as the plastics recycling bins previously located in the town.

A new Memory Club has started in Fairford at Bowmoor Place with kind permission of Bromford Housing. For more information please contact Val Mackay who runs the club on 01451 810 637. For ease of location it is East End nr The Eight Bells Pub on the right going out of Fairford toward Lechlade. It will be held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday each month 10.30-12.30pm.

Please contact me if you have any questions regarding the issues reported here or on any other matter relating to CDC.

**Mark Wardle**

e-mail: [Mark.Wardle@cotswold.gov.uk](mailto:Mark.Wardle@cotswold.gov.uk) Tel: 07887 707483

## Palmer Hall

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If you are looking for somewhere to hold a fairly large event, then consider the Palmer Hall, London Street, Fairford.

It has a fully fitted kitchen with optional use of crockery and cutlery at no extra cost. There is a stage with new fully functional stage lighting and curtains; also a projector and a large screen for film/PowerPoint presentations. Palmer Hall has a full drinks licence. It now has new and improved lighting.

To book telephone Steve on 712189 or Pam on 713087

or visit our web site [www.thepalmerhall.org](http://www.thepalmerhall.org)

### **Forthcoming films for the Palmer Hall Cinema:**

**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June – Les Miserables**

**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July - Quartet**

## Fairford Festival

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This Year the Festival main events return to the Marketplace. A full Diary of Events has been delivered to all households and is available on our website at [www.fairfordfestival.org.uk](http://www.fairfordfestival.org.uk). As a result, the marketplace parking area (where the Wednesday market is held) will be closed from 2pm on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> May until 5pm on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June.

We apologise for any inconvenience that this might cause to businesses and residents. On Sunday 2nd June, the 3k Fun Run and 10k Road Race will take place in Fairford as part of Fairford Festival. Would residents and businesses please be aware that Road Closure Orders has been granted and will affect some roads in Fairford. The following roads will be closed to traffic between 9.45am and 12 noon to enable the runs to take place:

- Park Street from the junction of Leafield Road to the top of the High Street, but not including the High Street.
- Mill Lane from the top of the High Street to Coronation Street.
- Some parking restrictions will also be in force along, the High Street, Mount Pleasant, Hatherop Road, Leafield Road, Mill Lane

And other parts of the race routes. There will be appropriate signage for these closures and the areas will be marshalled by Fairford Festival personnel.

Should you have any queries about these closures, please contact either Trevor Hing on 01285 711122 or Chris Roberts on 01285 712150.

Tickets are still available for the Children's Party on Saturday 1st June. Cost £2 in advance from Mr Ernest or £2.50 on the day on the door.

## **Dial a Ride/Cotswold Volunteers**

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What have we got for you in June and July? It would be nice to be going to the seaside but sadly we can't compete pricewise with the big boys so must leave that to them. However, we are running all our usual weekly / monthly trips plus:

Tuesday June 11<sup>th</sup> Burford and Bourton on the Water, (coffee in one, lunch in the other)

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June Lechlade Garden Centre,

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> July Gloucester Quays,

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July Nailsworth Garden Centre.

Ring Ann or Derek on 01285 713852 or call at the office 1st floor in the Community Centre.

## **Police**

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The Police will be attending the Wednesday Market on:

**19th June, 17th July, 14th August**

**18th Sept, 16th Oct, 13th Nov, 11th Dec**

The Police are there to give guidance on home security, for reporting crime or antisocial behaviour and much more. Please come along and have a chat.

## **Have your say on proposed changes to winter waste collections**

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Following disruptions to some kerbside waste collections due to snow and ice early in 2013, Cotswold District Council - in partnership with its Waste collection provider Ubico Limited – are reviewing the way in which the service is provided during severe weather. At present, when there is a delay of two days or more in making fortnightly waste collections, residents who are missed often have to wait until their next scheduled fortnightly collections which could mean a further two weeks before their household waste is removed. This means that there can be a four week gap between collections during adverse weather. Given that Ubico currently collect Organic (Garden and food) waste on a weekly basis, under the new severe weather proposals, the crews - when possible – could aim to pick up missed household waste by temporarily using the vehicles which normally make the weekly organic waste collections.

There are two ways of achieving this temporary change, and CDC is consulting residents to help decide on the best course of action:

### **Option 1 - Organic waste vehicle collects garden waste, food waste and residual household waste commingled (mixed together on the vehicle)**

Using the organic vehicle to commingle garden, food and residual waste means that the garden and food waste collected would have to be land filled – this is not a good environmental solution but does provide the best collection service to the customer and would only be used when a service disruption had occurred.

### **Option 2 - Garden waste collection suspended for one week, whilst organic waste vehicle is used to collect food and residual household waste.**

This option reduces the environmental impact as only the food waste would be land filled alongside the residual waste, but it does mean households would go without a garden waste collection that week (although the amount of garden waste presented is generally low in the winter when most severe weather occurs).

### **Option 3 - Service remains unchanged – Organic vehicle collect garden and food waste only and householders place residual waste out with their next fortnightly collection.**

This option is the best environmental solution as no organic waste is land filled but does mean that residents have to wait until the next scheduled collection when a service disruption occurs

**Please let us know which option 1,2 or 3 you would prefer.**

**Please send us your preference using email ([cdc@cotswold.gov.uk](mailto:cdc@cotswold.gov.uk)) , twitter (@CotswoldDC using hashtag #cdcwaste) or by phone (01285 623123).**

The Consultation will close on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July. Responses will then be collated and will shape the final decision regarding future service provision.



## **Fastershire Broadband Project**

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### **A partnership to build a world class broadband network for Herefordshire and Gloucestershire**

The aim of the project is to give 100% of homes and businesses in the project area access to at least 2Mbps, and the majority of homes and businesses are expected to be able to get over 30Mbps.

There will also be additional survey work carried out for each community as it moves through the build plan, and this will give us far greater detail in terms of speeds expected for each premise and the specific technologies that will be used.

The whole process of building the new network in Gloucestershire is expected to be complete by the end of 2015

The website has been launched **[www.fastershire.com](http://www.fastershire.com)**, and we suggest, that you may like to register your interest on that website, so that you will be kept informed of the latest news on the project. From the Summer 2013, the website will also have a postcode checker for individuals to input their postcode and find out about planned work in your area.

## **Community Centre Youth Room**

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The youth room in the community centre is available free of charge to anyone running a youth group, and can be booked through the Community Centre. Please call 01285 711571 for more information.

## **Volunteers needed—traffic survey**

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Fairford Town Council needs your help to carry out a traffic survey. We are currently looking to see if a pedestrian crossing is viable across the A417 from Keble Alley to East End. Before Gloucestershire Highways will consider it, we have to carry out a survey of the number of pedestrians crossing at that point. Are you available for a couple of hours during the day to help carry out the survey? If you think you can help, please call the Clerk on 01285 712344.

## Fairford Library

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**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2013 6 – 6.30 p.m.**

**Bedtime Stories.** Come in your pyjamas for some bedtime stories at the Library. Don't forget your teddy! For pre-school and primary school age children. Free event.

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2013 Fairford Library 3 p.m.**

**"Thank you to our volunteers" event.**

We would like to say "Thank you" to all the volunteers who help us with our events, children's activities and act as our family history and computer "buddies"

If you have benefited from their help, please come along on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> June and help us say how much we appreciate all that they do.

**Summer Reading Challenge volunteers needed:** if you fancy volunteering yourself, we are currently looking for volunteers to help us with our Summer Reading Challenge for primary school age children this summer – come along to the event on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> June and hear what it is like volunteering at the library or contact us to find out more.

Are you aged 14 – 18 years? Volunteering to help with the Summer Reading Challenge at the Library is great fun and great for Duke of Edinburgh, ASDAN and personal statements. Contact us to find out more.

**Green fingered volunteer wanted at Fairford Library:**

Do you have green fingers and some time to spare? We are seeking a volunteer to create and maintain pots in our inner courtyard area so that it can be used as an attractive "garden" part of the library.

**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June - "Library Club" at Fairford Library:**

Every Third Thursday of the month - 11 – 12 noon..

Are you unable to get to the library, but would like to come to borrow books and have a cuppa and a chat at the same time? Or do you know of someone who is unable to get out and about and would like this service? Transport with disabled facilities is provided.

## Fairford Community Centre

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Fairford Community Centre continues to provide valuable space for the local community to meet and hold a whole range of interesting and exciting classes/activities.

Current regular events include art classes, rainbows, bridge club, khi chi, church activities, country market, various fitness classes for mixed abilities and ages, happy beans for young children, weight watchers, yoga, youth clubs (junior and senior), messy space for families, and various U3A activities (such as table tennis, bridge, needlework).

The centre is a hub of the community and is also home to the following organisations, Fairford Town Council, History Society, Police Point, St Marys Church Office, Cotswold Volunteer Services and has dedicated space available for use by the young people of Fairford.

We always welcome new groups and if you are thinking of starting up an activity /class in Fairford then we would like to hear from you. There are 6 rooms to let, catering for various sizes from small groups to more than 100, plus kitchen. Rooms can be booked by the hour, the day or for longer periods. Rates vary from a few £s to around £14 per hour with concessions for regular bookings.

Hopefully brighter and warmer weather is on its way and we can soon enjoy some sunshine, if you are planning a party and are short of entertaining space then the centre has a variety of rooms available to hire along with an elegant glass walkway and outside courtyard. We are also fully licensed for music and the sale of alcohol.

If you would like to know more about the community centre and would like to see what activities are on offer or would like to catch up on all the latest news, then please visit our new website:

[www.fairfordcommunitycentre.org](http://www.fairfordcommunitycentre.org)

Tel : 01285 711571

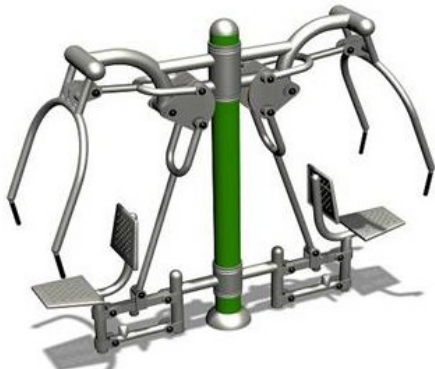
Email: [bookings@fccentre.co.uk](mailto:bookings@fccentre.co.uk)

You are most welcome to call in and look round any weekday morning

# New Fitness Equipment in the Walnut Tree Field—We want your opinion!

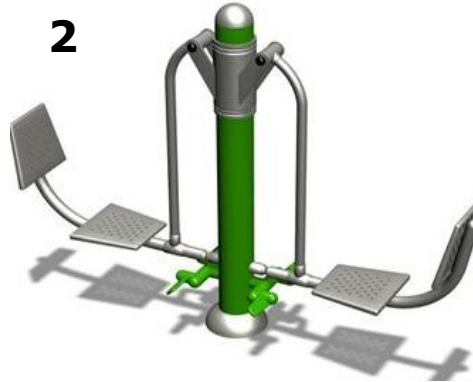
Chest Press £2863

**1**



Leg Press £2142

**2**



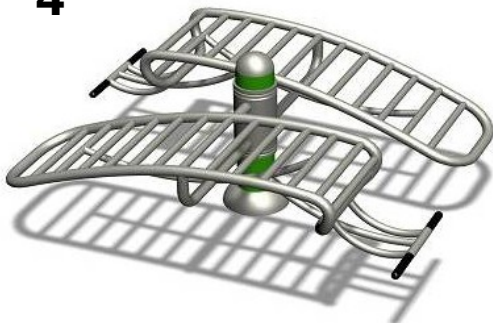
Skier £2298

**3**



Sit Up Benches £1968

**4**



Fairford Town Council is considering applying for a grant to help fund new adult exercise equipment for the Walnut Tree Field. We are proposing buying up to 3 pieces of equipment pictured on this page. We want to know what you think. Please take the time to fill in the questionnaire below and return it to the Council office, or email us on [clerks@fairford-tc.co.uk](mailto:clerks@fairford-tc.co.uk).

**Please circle yes or no in answer to the following questions:**

I think it is a good idea to purchase some equipment      yes / no

My preferences are (please circle):      **1**    **2**    **3**    **4**

I would use this equipment      yes / no

Keeping fit & healthy is important to me      yes / no

This equipment would encourage me to exercise      yes / no

Any other comments:

Name: .....

Contact number: .....