



FAIRFORD TOWN COUNCIL

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Mayor's Introduction



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The annual Festive Market is taking place on Friday 6th December starting at 6.30pm in the Market Place. We have an array of stalls, there will be music from the Salvation Army, a children's entertainer, and, for a change this year, Santa's grotto will be in the Post Office. Do come and meet your friends and neighbours and do a little Christmas shopping. Please, though, remember not to park in the Market Place from 1.00pm.

The Town Council, with help from some non-councillors, is currently considering whether to prepare a Community Plan for Fairford, with the aim of setting out Fairford's views on how we would like the town to develop in the future, instead of merely responding to developers' proposals. We are taking advice from a planning consultant and from Cotswold District Council, and it is likely that a questionnaire will be circulated in the near future seeking your ideas. There will be a number of ways to respond - on paper and online - and we would really like to hear from you, so do look out for that.

The Town Council has recently signed a lease for another year's use of the permissive path around Horcott Lakes, and we are investigating carrying out some maintenance of the path. Although we hope to have access to this path for years to come, you never know, so please take advantage of it while we can.

Although it seems a long way off as I write this, I wish you all a good Christmas and New Year

Best wishes Caroline Mumford, Mayor

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COUNCIL NEWS

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Town Council Meetings

The next two Full Town Council Meetings will be on **Tuesday 10th December** and **Tuesday 14th January** at 7pm in the Barker Room, Fairford Community Centre.

Highways

We are in consultation with Gloucestershire Highways to introduce a 40mph speed limit beyond Fairford Gate up Waiten Hill to improve safety on the entry into Fairford from Cirencester. This process takes time, but hopefully it will prove beneficial. The entrance into Fairford from Cirencester will also be enhanced. We are looking into the possibility of installing new gates and signs and improving the raised gardens.

With the generous help of Fairford Town Charity, we are putting up two new notice boards, one outside the Fire Station and one at the junction of Milton Street & Coronation Street to help inform residents about news and events in and around the town.

Cllr Stephen Boulton, Chair, 07767 445857

Planning

As you will now be aware the Gladman application for outline permission to develop 120 houses to the west of the town was unanimously rejected by the Planning Committee of CDC. FTC lodged a long technical objection on legal grounds which was compiled with the support of the planning consultants.

We will wait to see what occurs with regard to that proposed site.

The application by Kensington and Edinburgh for outline permission to develop land around the football club is likely to be placed before the Planning Committee in December. I understand that public responses to this application are significantly less than for the Gladman application. Do use this opportunity to make your views known to Cotswold District Council. It is important to remember that if outline permission is granted there is no right of appeal by either FTC or the town.

We are progressing development of the Community Plan with an aim to have it published by April next year. This is our opportunity to articulate the town's wishes for the future including where any development may be suitable. It is our opportunity to try to keep control. We will be asking your views shortly. Please do contribute as we should all have a voice in the future of our town.

Cllr Jonathan Cumpstey, Chair, 712116

Facilities

This is an important time of the year for Councillors. They have to produce a budget for the next financial year and the process is not getting any easier in a time of austerity. The Facilities Committee is trying to build on its record of progress over the past year or two, which has included the re-equipping and improvements to the Walnut Tree Field play area. Further facilities are needed, and high on the list of priorities is the replacement of the skate ramp by something both quieter and better suited to what the youngsters really want. A questionnaire is being circulated at both schools which will hopefully inform the Council of the best design and get together a group of young people prepared to help in making the project a reality.

After a break of a couple of years, the Council will be supporting a Flag Festival next year. The colours, will again be supplied by the Royal International Air Tattoo. The Flag Festival will run through May and the display returned to RIAT in time for the Tattoo in July.

The Tourism Committee has been considering ways in which more visitors can be attracted to the town. Ideas considered range from sprucing up Fairford to promoting more events and attractions like the highly successful Christmas Market. The Council will be grateful for any ideas from the public on boosting footfall in the town.

Fairford has long been searching for a site for allotments. Green-fingered residents may not have to wait much longer for garden plots on which to grow fresh vegetables. Bloor Homes developers have promised a 20-plot facility at their site on the western edge of Fairford, at least half of which can be filled from the Fairford community. The Town Council has a small waiting list, but if there is anyone else who would like a plot they should register the fact with the Council.

Cllr Martin Harwood, Chair, 712597

Meet your new Councillor

Mr Barry Fenby has been elected, uncontested to the Town Council.

Fairford has been home and the centre of my universe since the spring of 1980, having moved here from Old Town, Swindon. My family were so enamoured with the Town that my parents also moved here by Christmas Eve of the same year. My work pathway had by then settled down, with employment for Nestle and British Airways having given way to a career in teaching. Almost thirty years were to be dedicated to working in a Swindon Comprehensive School, much of the time in the role of head teacher.

I loved my work, but in the year 2000 decided to resign, enabling me to spend quality time with my aging parents. They were to receive the finest care from our local doctors and Cottage Hospital, before they both passed away.

Work was soon to call me back. I was fortunate to secure another headship in a Westminster School. This progressed to wider advisory work on school improvement for The London Challenge. Most recently I have been involved with the Building Schools for the Future programme with responsibility for five schools in Haringey. This has involved working with architects, local authority planners, large construction companies and local community groups.

Some of these experiences, coupled with my personal interests in the natural and built environments, may be of use to our Town Council. I am a keen gardener and the Parkland of trees and shrubs that I am developing as an arboretum on the east side of the Town is my pride and joy. It is my contribution to ensuring that Fairford continues to be a lovely place in which to live.

Cotswold District Council (CDC)

At the CDC Planning Committee meeting on 13th November Councillors voted unanimously to reject the application by Gladman Developments to build 120 new homes south of the A417, opposite the homes under construction at Home Farm and Pips Field. It remains to be seen what happens next as the developer is still able to appeal against the decision.

CDC has a new website (still at www.cotswold.gov.uk) with improved functionality and clarity of messages. It also seems to be much quicker, especially when dealing with enquiries on the Planning Register. There is an online questionnaire for new users and contributions to this would be welcomed by the IT department so they can check users are happy.

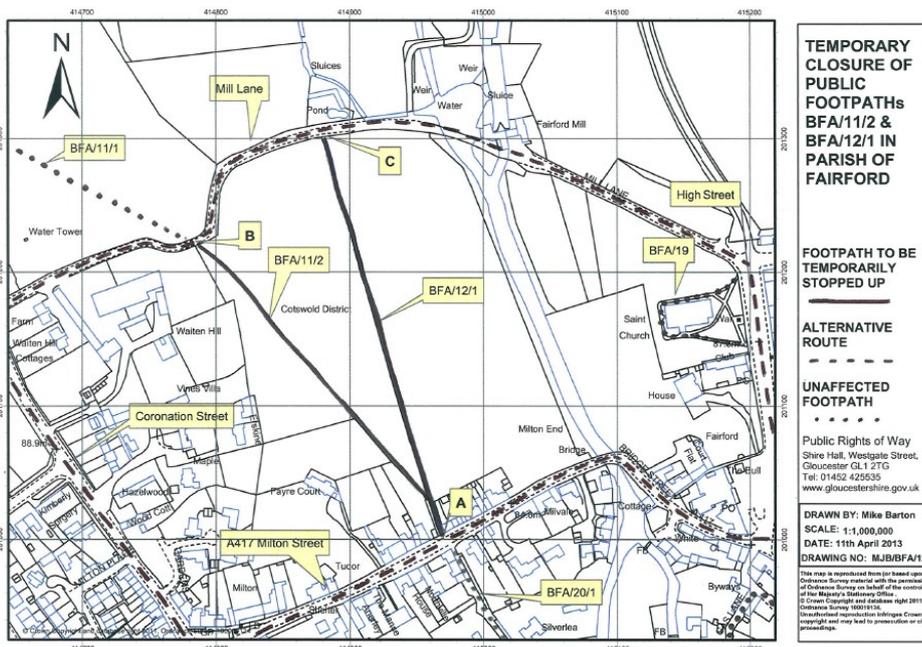
Cashless parking was introduced on car parks in Cirencester from 15th November. Users will be able to buy parking using their mobile phones and also to extend the period paid for should it prove difficult to get back to the car in time.

If you have any questions regarding the issues reported here or on any other matter relating to CDC I can be contacted by e-mail or phone as listed below.

Mark Wardle
e-mail: Mark.Wardle@cotswold.gov.uk
Tel: 07887 707483

Footpath Closure update

Footpath BA 12/1 (A-C on map) is now open. The current stock fences will remain until the spring and a temporary stile has been installed over the barbed wire. Please take care when using the stile. BA11/2 will remain closed until the spring to allow the re-seeded area to grow where the contractor's vehicles went to and fro across from the site to the contractor's yard at the farm. AMCO will return to remove the temporary stock fences in the spring and will open BA11/2 at the same time.



Parking on the High Street— consultation

Gloucestershire Highways are consulting on a proposal to vary the restrictions along High Street, Fairford. It is proposed that the restrictions are changed to provide:

Unrestricted parking: Both sides from Croft Alley to Mill Lane/Park St.

Limited waiting 1 hr Monday—Saturday 8.30—6.30 (eastern side from A417—Croft Alley)

Disabled badge holders only (western side for 15m opposite Croft Alley, to match existing Disabled Parking Bays)

Plans are available to view online (www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/parking) or at the Town Council office.

Comments should be sent in writing to The Head of Legal Services, Quayside House, Quay Street, Glos, GL1 2TZ ref JKS/51821 by **12th December 2013**.

Fairford Community Centre

Christmas and New Year

The festive season is approaching fast and will soon be upon us once more.

If you are in need of a fantastic local venue to hold your Christmas / New Year celebrations then Fairford Community Centre can cater to your needs.

There are a number of rooms available for hire of various sizes suitable for fundraising events, children's parties, craft activities, meetings and large parties. For your catering needs the centre has a fully equipped kitchen or we have very good relationships with local caterers who are experienced in providing meals/ buffets at the centre.

What's On

All well as all the regular groups and activities, we have lots of events taking place at the centre over the festive period. Please come and support your local community / groups, for further details and a list of events please go to our website www.fairfordcommunitycentre.org

Office Space

Do you run a business from home or have offices in or around the Fairford area but lack the space for meetings? Perhaps you need a venue for conferences or training event? If so, then we can help.

We have a number of meeting / conference rooms of various sizes available to hire, all with WiFi available. We can also offer modern audio and visual equipment for use in the centre (PA system, projectors, TV / DVD player, hearing loop system etc).

If you would like further details regarding any of the above then please call the FCC office on 01285 711571, email bookings@fccentre.co.uk, visit our website www.fairfordcommunitycentre.org or call in and see us.

Dial a Ride/Cotswold Volunteers

Autumn is leaving us quickly and we are heading towards the grips of what we hope, is a short winter without the dreaded snow and ice !! They say that this is the time for change and we are only too aware of the retirement of Ann and Derek from this office; we wish them a very happy retirement and look forward to hearing from them on a regular basis – maybe using the Dial a Ride service!

All of our usual trips will be running (weather permitting) during November and December but will cease for the Christmas break after the Cirencester trip on 23rd December.

We are also running some extra trips:

Friday 29th November Lechlade Garden Centre & the Friday Food Fayre

Friday 13th December Lechlade Garden Centre

Friday 20th December to the Festive Friday Food Fayre at Lechlade Garden Centre.

Friday 23rd December Cirencester

So lots of opportunity for Christmas shopping!

We are pleased to say that the Dial a Ride bus service will continue in the same manner and we are opening every weekday from 9am – 1pm with core office hours of 9am – 12.30pm, where Jill and Clive will be pleased to assist you.

Please continue to support this valuable community service. Contact details remain the same, Office: 01285 713852 or call in at first floor of the Community Centre to book a seat or for more information.

Grants Available

Periodically, Fairford Town Council offers small grants to local community organisations. The Finance Committee consider all applications at the end of the financial year.

We would be pleased to receive any applications for consideration from local groups. Applications should be made in writing and must include the amount applied for, the reason for the application and a full set of accounts.

Please send applications to the Town Council Office marked for the attention of the Finance Committee.

Palmer Hall

If you are looking for somewhere to hold a fairly large event, such as a wedding reception, anniversary 'do', birthday bash or staging a play then consider the Palmer Hall, London Street, Fairford. (See pictures on our web site). 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

Forthcoming films for the Palmer Hall Cinema:

No December film

Wednesday 15th January - Great Gatsby (Leonardo DiCaprio)

Affordable Housing in Fairford

Jephson South & West are providing two & three bedroom homes in Fairford. These semi-detached homes are built in reconstituted Cotswold stone with a state-of-the-art specification inside. Purchase is based on Jephson's Shared Ownership Scheme, which means you move into your new home at a subsidised rental with the option to buy more shares in a year's time if you so wish.

Call the Jephson Sales Team Now 01454 204019 www.jephson.org.uk
Priority given to local purchasers.

2 BEDROOM HOME EXAMPLE 50% Shares Available Property Value £190,000 Purchase 50% £95,000 10% Deposit £9,500 Estimated Monthly repayment £768.71* No stamp duty payable.

Interested applicants should also register on www.southwesthomes.org.uk

Fairford Library

Monday 2nd December 2013

Fairford Library – one week Book Sale Bonanza starts today! Prices from as little as 5 for a £1. Good selection of ex-stock children's and adult books.

Thursday 5th December: 6 – 6.30pm Bedtime Stories

Get into the spirit of Christmas and come in your pyjamas for some seasonal bedtime stories at the Library. For pre-school and primary school age children.

Wednesday 11th December 2013 - 3.45 p.m.

Christmas tea party

We would like to say thank you to our wonderful volunteers for all their help. Drop in to Fairford Library if you have benefited from the help of our computer and ancestry buddies, our library club, story-time and children's event volunteers, please come along and help us say how much we appreciate all they do. Interested in volunteering yourself? Talk to us and ask our volunteers about their experiences. Free refreshments (donations welcome).

Monday 23rd December 2013

Nothing much on TV over Christmas? Stock up on Christmas DVD. Today only – 7 night's hire for the price of one! Happy Christmas!

Saturday 25th January 2014 10 – 11 a.m.

Book-time and craft at Fairford Library featuring "Charlie and Lola" for pre-school children – 11 years. Listen to the stories, then have a go at "Charlie and Lola" based crafts.

Free event. Places must be booked as numbers are limited.

Tel: 0845 230 542

Waste collections during Christmas & New Year

Week commencing Monday 23rd December 2013

Mon 23 rd Dec	No change
Tues 24 th Dec	No change
Weds 25th Dec	No collection
Thurs 26th Dec	No collection
Friday 27 th Dec	Weds 25 th Dec collection
Sat 28 th Dec	Thurs 26 th Dec collection
Sun 29th Dec	No collection
Mon 30 th Dec	Friday 27 th Dec collection
Tues 31 st Dec	Monday 30 th Dec collection
Weds 1st Jan '14	No collection
Thurs 2 nd Jan	Tues 31 st Dec collection
Friday 3 rd Jan	Weds 1 st Jan collection
Sat 4 th Jan	Thurs 2 nd Jan collection
Mon 6 th Jan	Friday 3 rd Jan collection
Tues 7 th Jan	Monday 6 th Jan collection
Weds 8 th Jan	Tues 7 th Jan collection
Thurs 9 th Jan	Weds 8 th Jan collection
Friday 10 th Jan	Thurs 9 th Jan collection
Sat 11 th Jan	Friday 10 th Jan collection

Collection schedule will return to normal on the week beginning Monday 13th Jan 2014

Town Council Christmas Opening Hours

The Town Council office will be closed from Monday 23rd December until Wednesday 1st January 2014 inclusive.

The office will re-open on Thursday 2nd January at 10.00am

For any urgent issues, please call 07775468003

Come to the...

Fairford Festive Market

Friday 6th December 2013

Fairford Market Place

6.30pm-8.30pm

**Browse around a wide range of stalls in a
friendly, festive atmosphere**



Street Entertainment

**Santa & Friends will be in
the Grotto in the Post Office**

Organised by Fairford Town Council