



# FAIRFORD TOWN COUNCIL

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## Mayor's Introduction



Cllr Caroline Mumford

Fairford Town Mayor

Tel 01285 712702

Many thanks to everyone who completed the Community Plan questionnaire sent out with the last Newsletter. We received over 170 responses, and many people took the time to add their own comments. Everyone who expressed an interest in further involvement should have been invited to workshops planned for early April; please get in touch with the Town Council office quickly if you haven't been invited and would like to come.

The Police & Crime Commissioner for Gloucestershire, Martin Surl, will be in Fairford on Tuesday 29th April. He will be discussing a number of issues with the Town Council, and will also be available in the mobile police unit in the town if anyone would like to speak to him. In addition, days when the police will be manning the police point in the Community Centre, or the market stall, are listed in this Newsletter.

Fairford Annual Town Meeting will be held on Thursday 29th May at 7pm in the Community Centre. Please come along for this overview of the past year's events in the town. Awards for Citizen of the Year and the Geoff Chick Award (young citizen) will be presented at the meeting. Details of how to nominate someone who has made a significant contribution to the community can be found inside this newsletter. Please give some thought to this, as we would like to acknowledge the many things that people do for the town, which are often not widely known.

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 8th April** and **Tuesday 13th May** at 7pm in the Barker Room, Fairford Community Centre.

The Annual Town Meeting will take place on **Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> May** at 7.00pm in the Farmor Room, Fairford Community Centre.

## Highways

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We would like to remind all dog owners that dogs **must be kept on a lead** in the Walnut Tree Field.

Cllr Stephen Boulton, Chair, 07767 445857

## Facilities

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The Town Council has decided to reinstate the Flag Festival by popular demand. We are currently re-installing and adding new flag holders where required. Flags loaned to the town by the Royal International Air Tattoo representing all the countries taking part in the Air Tattoo will be flown in the town centre from the beginning of May to mid June.

Fairford Preservation Society with the help of some funding from Fairford Town Council has recently planted new trees in the Walnut Tree Field as part of their tree planting project for the Town.

Cllr Martin Harwood, Chair, 712597

# Planning

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As you will be aware, the Kensington and Edinburgh application to build at the site on London Road was granted at a second hearing – but only on the casting vote of the Chair. Since then the Government have published revised guidance on the National Planning Policy Framework which seeks to encourage builders to build on brownfield sites rather than around rural communities.

The Guidance also confirms that planning authorities should have all necessary reports before granting an application including from local water authorities when relevant. Thames Water have not yet prepared their report on Fairford. I understand that our District Councillors have raised the issue with CDC Planning Officers and we will of course let you have an update once we are aware.

The Gladman application for 120 houses on Cirencester Road is going to appeal on 6th May, *Appeal Ref No: APP/F1610/A/14/2213318*. All comments made at the application stage will be sent to the Planning Inspectorate. If you wish to make additional comments, please write directly to **The Planning Inspectorate, Room 3/05a, Temple Quay House, 2 The Square, Bristol BS1 6PN. Please send 3 copies of your comments and quote the above appeal reference number on all correspondence.**

Alternatively you can make comments via the Planning Portal website <http://www.planningportal.gov.uk/planning/appeals/online/comment>. Comments must be received by **10th April 2014** and will be disclosed to all interested parties to the appeal. Comments received after this date will be returned. The Planning Inspectorate will not acknowledge your comments. You may inspect appeal documents via the on-line register at [www.cotswold.gov.uk/go/PlanningOnline](http://www.cotswold.gov.uk/go/PlanningOnline). Alternatively, the documents are available for inspection at CDC's offices. It is advisable to telephone in advance of your visit to check availability.

Also many thanks to those of you who responded to our questionnaires to inform the Fairford Community Plan. We had a great response and we are collating the questionnaires. We are holding Community Consultation workshops on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> (7-9pm) and Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> April (10am – 12noon) at the Community Centre. Please let the Clerk know if you would like to attend.

Cllr Jonathan Cumpstey, Chair, 712116

## **Fairford Festival Road Closures**

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The Festival event will be running from 2pm Wednesday 28th May to 1pm Monday 2nd June. The road that is being closed is the parking spaces outside The Bull Hotel i.e. the Market Place no through road. The High Street from A417 to Park Street will remain open at all times.

The Fairford 10k Road Race is taking place on Sunday 1st June 9.45 to 12 noon and the roads to be closed are Park Street from the junction of Leafield Road to the top of the High Street (not including High Street) and Mill Lane from the top of the High Street to Coronation Street. Again, the High Street from A417 to Park Street will remain open at all times and will be marshalled continually.

If you have any queries with this information, please call Andrena Miles on 07974 670787.

## **Fairford Food & Drink Festival**

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A Temporary Road Closure Order has been applied for to cover Fairford Market Place to enable the annual Fairford Food & Drink Festival to take place. There will be no parking allowed in the Market Place on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> May from 00.01 until 18.00 hours. Any vehicles left illegally in the Market Place during this time may be towed away. If you have any questions about this Order, please contact [admin@flbc.org.uk](mailto:admin@flbc.org.uk).

## **Community Plan consultation workshops**

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Fairford Town Council are holding two Community Consultation workshops. This is your chance to help shape the future of your town and contribute to the updated Community Plan. The draft plan will be available to read and we want to hear your thoughts on it.

The workshops are being held on:

Thursday 3rd April 7.00-9.00pm, Farmor Room, Community Centre  
Saturday 5th April, 10.00am—12 noon, Keble Room, Community Centre. Do come!

# Fairford Library

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## See what's on at Fairford Library:

- **Apply for your concessionary bus pass for free:** no need to buy a passport photo.
- **Weekly Baby Bounce and Rhyme time every Wednesday 10.30 – 11 a.m.** (Songs and Rhymes for babies up to 18 months).
- **Toddler Time Mondays 10 – 10.30 a.m.** (18 months – pre-school).
- **Bedtime Stories Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 6 – 6.30 p.m.** For primary and pre-school children . Come in your pyjamas and don't forget your teddy!
- **DVD latest releases to loan for only £1.50 until our next opening time.**
- **Free family history research** help with our "Ancestry buddy" volunteer.
- **Want to learn how to use a computer?** Free computer help to get you started with our "Computer buddy" volunteer.
- **Library Club every month:** Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> April. 11 a.m. Books, coffee and a chat for those unable to get out and about. Free transport with disabled facilities.

## **Fairford Library: Win a drink and famous 7a Coffee Shop Chocolate Brownie!**

### **Enter our regular monthly competition**

For primary, and secondary pupils (2 classes).

**How to win: Borrow a book, audio book or DVD from Fairford Library.** Write a short review on our entry sheet, bring it in or email it to us or come in to the library and tell our staff or a volunteer what you thought of it – they will write down what you say for you.

Prize winners will be announced at the end of each month and can collect their voucher from the Library to receive a free drink and Brownie at **7a Coffee shop in Fairford** who have kindly donated these prizes. Yum yum!

The winning entries will be sent for publication in the Gloucestershire Echo and Citizen newspapers.

## **“Small Sparks” Grants available**

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Barnwood Trust has launched a new grant programme called Small Sparks. Small Sparks grants are for people across the county who want to get together with friends and neighbours to do things that they enjoy, benefitting the community where they live.

It could be for gardening equipment to grow vegetables together, books or DVDs to get a club going or maybe some wool and knitting needles for a group you are already part of. Grants of up to £250 are available and there are no formal application forms to complete. You just need to make sure that at least one of you wanting to enjoy the activity has a disability or mental health challenge or is an older person who would like to make more friends. There must be a minimum of four people involved and everyone in the group needs to be prepared to contribute their time, energy and talents.

To find out more go to <http://www.yourewelcome.to/explore/group/small-sparks-grants> or give Gail a call on 01452 611292 or email [gail.rodway@barnwoodtrust.org](mailto:gail.rodway@barnwoodtrust.org).

## **Fairford Community Centre**

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Spring has arrived, hopefully brighter and warmer weather is on its way and we can soon enjoy some sunshine. If you are planning a party, BBQ or family get together 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.

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.

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 website:

[www.fairfordcommunitycentre.org](http://www.fairfordcommunitycentre.org) Tel : 01285 711571

## Palmer Hall

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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](http://www.thepalmerhall.org)

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

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> April - Philomena**

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> May - The Lady**

## Police & Crime Commissioner in Fairford

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### **POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER**

The Police & Crime Commissioner for Gloucestershire (Martin Surl) will be in Fairford on 29<sup>th</sup> April. A mobile unit will also be in the Town and residents are welcome to take this opportunity to talk to Mr. Surl.

### **POLICE POINT**

The police will be manning the Police Point or Market stall on the following dates:

9<sup>th</sup> April, 14<sup>th</sup> May, 11<sup>th</sup> June, 9<sup>th</sup> July

## Citizen & young citizen of the year

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If you know of anyone who has carried out good work for the local community and deserves recognition, please write to the Town Clerk with further details. Please write in with your nominations by Friday 11th April. The winners receive a money prize and all nominees receive a Fairford Town Badge or Medal. The results will be announced at the Annual Town Meeting on 29th May.

## Fairford Dial-a-Ride Timetable

**Cirencester every Thursday departing Fairford 08.30am & 09.30 returning 11.15am & 12.15 cost £3.40**

<b>April</b>	<b><u>Destination</u></b>	<b><u>Depart Fairford AM</u></b>	<b><u>Return PM</u></b>	<b><u>Cost</u></b>
Tues 1 <sup>st</sup>	Swindon Orbital	10.00	2.00	£5.00
Wed 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Blunsdon Market	10.00	12.15	£4.50
Fri 4 <sup>th</sup>	Witney	09.00	1.00	£6.00
Tues 8 <sup>th</sup>	Malmesbury Abbey/ Gardens	09.00	12.30	£6.00
Wed 16 <sup>th</sup>	Fairford Market – Vil- lages (F1)	09.00	11.15	variable
Wed 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Lechlade Garden Centre	10.00	12.30	£3.00
Fri 25 <sup>th</sup>	Cheltenham	09.00	1.00	£7.50
Mon 28 <sup>th</sup>	Central Swindon	09.00	12.30	£5.00
<b>May</b>	<b><u>Destination</u></b>	<b><u>Depart Fairford AM</u></b>	<b><u>Return PM</u></b>	<b><u>COST</u></b>
Tues 6 <sup>th</sup>	Swindon Orbital	10.00	2.00	£5.00
Wed 7 <sup>th</sup>	Blunsdon Market	10.00	12.15	£4.50
Fri 9 <sup>th</sup>	Witney	09.00	1.00	£6.00
Wed 14 <sup>th</sup>	Milletts Farm	09.00	1.00	£6.70
Mon 19 <sup>th</sup>	Central Swindon/ date change due to bank holi- day	09.00	12.30	£5.00
Wed 21 <sup>st</sup>	Fairford Market – Vil- lages (F1)	09.00	11.15	variable
Tues 27 <sup>th</sup>	Moreton in Marsh Market	09.00	14.00	£8.20
Fri 30 <sup>th</sup>	Lechlade Garden Centre (Food Fayre)	10.00	12.30	£3.00
Fri 30 <sup>th</sup>	Cheltenham	09.00	1.00	£7.50

### **All Departure Times are from Fairford Fire Station**

All departure times are approximate and at the drivers' discretion. To book a seat or for more information, call on 01285 713852 Jill/Clive

Or call in at the office 1<sup>st</sup> floor of the Community Centre Monday through to Friday 9.00 – 12.30