



FAIRFORD TOWN COUNCIL

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Mayor's Introduction



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I hope everyone agrees that the flags now installed in the Market Place, High Street and London Road for the summer look splendid. Many thanks to RIAT for lending us the flags, to those who have allowed the flags to be installed on their properties, and to everyone who helped to put them in place.

The Town Council has now accepted a quote for the resurfacing of the town car park at the top of the High Street. Work is expected to start in July after the Air Tattoo, and to take approximately 8 weeks. There is bound to be some inconvenience while this is going on, and we ask for your patience. We hope the new surface, which will include pedestrian-friendly paths, will encourage more people to park here. On this subject, please could we ask people not to park on grass verges, which are particularly susceptible to damage after the wet weather we have experienced.

The Town Council has submitted comments on the appeal by Gladman Developments regarding residential development south of Home Farm, Cirencester Road. The appeal starts on Tuesday 29th July at 10am in the CDC Council Chamber in Cirencester, and anyone may attend.

We are sorry that Clare Muir has resigned from the Council due to work and family commitments, our thanks to her contribution over the past two years. There is currently a vacancy for the role of Town Councillor. You will find further information, including how to apply inside this newsletter.

Best wishes, Caroline Mumford

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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 June** and **Tuesday 8th July** at 7pm in the Barker Room, Fairford Community Centre.

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

Council Committee Structure

The Town Council is now formed of three main committees:

Planning: Cllrs Stephen Boulton, Jonathan Cumpstey, Johnny Dallow & Barry Fenby. This Committee meets on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month.

Finance: Cllrs Jonathan Cumpstey, Johnny Dallow, Trevor Hing & Mark Wardle. This Committee meets on the 3rd Tuesday of every other month.

Works & Community: Cllrs Stephen Boulton, Janet Bowen, Martin Harwood & Christine Roberts. This Committee meets on the 4th Tuesday of each month.

Full Council meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month.

There are sub-committees that deal with **Staffing** and **Procedures**.

The Mayor, Cllr Caroline Mumford and Deputy Mayor, Cllr Jennie Sanford sit on all the Committees as ex-officio members.

Works and Community Committee

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.

Town Car Park

The car park is being resurfaced and will be variously partly or wholly closed for 8 weeks from 21st July. The new surface will include paved footpaths running the length of the car park.

Parking along Park Street

Please can all players and visitors to the cricket and rugby club refrain from parking their cars on the verges along Park Street. The road becomes virtually impassable on busy days and the verges are being ruined.

Walnut Tree Field

We are lucky to have the Walnut Tree Field available to the community. Please can we ensure we take care of it.

Broken glass - We have had reports of bottles being smashed and pushed into the ground in the Walnut Tree Field. We would ask anyone who witnesses this to report it to the Town Council. Anyone who is caught in the act will be reported to the Police which can lead to a prosecution.

Dog owners - are continuing to allow their dogs to walk off lead in the playing field. We will be re-installing signs advising that dogs **MUST** be kept on leads and anyone caught allowing their dogs to foul the area without clearing up after them will be prosecuted.

We need to ensure that no-one using this area is hurt by accidents relating to broken glass and contamination by dog faeces.

Basketball Net - On a better note, a new surface has been installed around the basketball area to enhance this facility.

Fairford Festival Road Closures

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 Flood Alleviation Scheme

Following the construction of the flood alleviation works in Waterloo Meadow and White Hart Court last summer construction work on the final phase of the Fairford Flood Alleviation Scheme has now begun. This final stage is to provide increased flood protection to properties in Gas Lane, Back Lane and Courtbrook. The work involves the construction of approximately 50m of sheet piled wall and 30m of flood defence earth embankment within two properties on Back Lane and Gas Lane.

Our contractor AMCO Ltd will be making every effort to minimise noise and disruption but some increased noise will be inevitable during the piling operations. The piling works themselves are expected to take approximately two weeks and all works are due to be completed by the end of June. The working hours on site will be 8.00am to 6.00pm, Monday to Friday.

If you do have any questions or concerns about the work please do not hesitate to contact the Project Manager Nick Leishman on nick.leishman@environment-agency.gov.uk or 0118 953 3136

Vacancy on the Town Council

Due to a resignation, there is currently one vacancy for the office of Councillor.

Requests, in writing, from TEN electors from Fairford are required by **6th June 2014** in order for an election to be called. These should be submitted to the Returning Officer at Cotswold District. If they do not receive the required number of requests, the position will be filled by co-option. If an election is called, it will take place not later than 8th August 2014

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.

Want to know more?

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

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Fairford Festival

Congratulations to all who took part in the Fairford Festival Queen competition, which was judged on Bank Holiday Monday at The Bull Hotel. The 2014 Fairford Festival Queen is Jasmine Stephenson and she will be ably assisted in her Festival duties by the new Festival Princess Bo Preece-Smith. In attendance will be Lady-in-Waiting Zena Preece-Smith; Page Boy Moses Preece-Smith and Flower Girls: Alice and Matilda Bigwood, Cloe Greenaway and Heather Kent.

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:

Wednesday 18th June – 12 Years a Slave

Wednesday 16th July – The American Hustle

Fairford Community Centre

FCC Ltd AGM

Our Annual General Meeting this year will be on Friday, June 27th at 7.30pm in the Farmor room. The ideas and suggestions of users are important to us, and all those using or interested in the Centre are cordially invited to join us and become members of FCC Ltd. We welcome new members, and there is no joining or membership fee, just a general meeting once a year, when we report on the year's activities. Please come along and join us on the 27th.

Centre News

Energy Efficiency improvements

We are proud to announce that recently we have been successful in receiving the COMBI grant for some energy efficiency improvements to be undertaken within the Centre.

Improvements have been made to the 3 boilers in the building so that they can heat the rooms more efficiently and we have had extra room thermostats put into some rooms to help control the heating levels and reduce the amount of heat wasted.

Secondary glazing has also been installed in the Farmor, Heritage, Keble and Youth rooms and this will also help to reduce the amount of heat lost throughout the building.

Keeping the Centre looking its best

In our continued commitment to keeping your Centre looking its best we are currently undergoing a program of redecoration of all the public areas and have recently recovered the chairs in the Farmor room.

Bookings

We always welcome new groups and if you are thinking of starting up an activity /class in Fairford or are in need of a venue to hold a private function then we would like to hear from you. Please contact our bookings manager on 01285 711571 or

Email - bookings@fccentre.co.uk

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

Fairford Dial-a-Ride Timetable

We have seen a vast improvement in the weather which has led to the bus service being well used and suggestions for destinations in abundance. However due to *driver shortage*, we cannot expand our destination list very much, which leads me to appeal - *please if you can spare a few hours a month or every other month, to drive one of the vehicle's (full training and support given) we would very much like to hear from you*". At times of driver shortage, Clive or Jill 'stand-in' to ensure the service needs are met but this means the office is closed. Lastly a big **Thank You** to all who support the service, drivers, escorts and passengers alike and if you would like to book a seat or become a volunteer driver, please do call Jill or Clive on 713852.

| June | <u>Destination</u> | <u>Depart Fairford AM</u> | <u>Return PM</u> | <u>COST</u> |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------|
| Tuesday 3 rd | Swindon Orbital | 10.00 | 2.00 | £5.00 |
| Wednesday 4 th | Blunsdon Market | 10.00 | 12.15 | £4.50 |
| Friday 6 th | Witney | 09.00 | 1.00 | £6.00 |
| Tuesday 10 th | Dobbies Garden Centre | 10.00 | 12.30 | £3.40 |
| Friday 13 th | Oxford | 09.00 | 2.30 | £8.20 |
| Wednesday 18 th | Fairford Market – Villages | 09.00 | 11.15 | variable |
| Monday 23 rd | Central Swindon | 09.00 | 12.30 | £5.00 |
| Friday 27 th | Cheltenham | 09.00 | 1.00 | £7.50 |
| Friday 27 th | Lechlade Garden Centre (Food Fayre) | 10.00 | 12.30 | £3.00 |
| July | <u>Destination</u> | <u>Depart Fairford AM</u> | <u>Return PM</u> | <u>COST</u> |
| Tuesday 1 st | Swindon Orbital | 10.00 | 2.00 | £5.00 |
| Wednesday 2 nd | Blunsdon Market | 10.00 | 12.15 | £4.50 |
| Friday 4 th | Witney | 09.00 | 1.00 | £6.00 |
| Tuesday 8 th | Gloucester(Centre/Quays) | 09.00 | 2.00 | £8.00 |
| Friday 11 th | Stow- on-the- Wold | 09.00 | 2.00 | £7.50 |
| Wednesday 16 th | Fairford Market - Villages | 09.00 | 11.15 | variable |
| Friday 18 th | Fosseway Garden Centre | 09.00 | 2.00 | £8.20 |
| Tuesday 22 nd | Marlborough | 09.00 | 2.00 | £8.20 |
| Friday 25 th | Cheltenham | 09.00 | 1.00 | £7.50 |
| Friday 25 th | Lechlade Garden Centre (Food Fayre) | 10.00 | 12.30 | £3.00 |
| Monday 28 th | Central Swindon | 09.00 | 12.30 | £5.00 |
| Wednesday 30 th | Broadway | 09.00 | 1.00 | £8.00 |