



FAIRFORD TOWN COUNCIL

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Mayor's Introduction



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Work on resurfacing the town car park has now been completed, and it is open for use. Additional lighting should have been installed by the time you read this. Please could you consider using the car park if you will be in the town centre for more than an hour or two, as this will free up on-street spaces for people who are less mobile, as well as those who just need to pop into a shop briefly. Thank you.

Gloucestershire County Council has provided funding for adult fitness equipment under its Active Together scheme for projects designed to promote healthy active lifestyles. This will be installed in the Walnut Tree Field near the toddler play area, and we hope that you will give it a try.

The Italian Market will return to Fairford on Saturday 4th October from 9am to 4.30pm. Please come and meet your friends and neighbours, to enjoy this event (and please also avoid parking in the Market Place on Friday night).

A defibrillator has been installed in the porch of The Bull Hotel, and can be accessed by members of the public. It includes clear instructions, but a training session has also been arranged on 1st November in the Community Centre. Please contact the Clerk if you would like to attend.

Finally, Gloucestershire County Council will be resurfacing the High Street and Market Place in the next month or so. It is currently anticipated the work will be carried out on 19th and 26th October and 2nd November.

With 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 14th October** and **Tuesday 11th November** at 7pm in the Barker Room, Fairford Community Centre. You are very welcome to attend.

Works and Community Committee

Italian Market

We are pleased to announce that Fairford will once again be hosting the Italian Market on **Saturday 4th October** from 9.00am – 4.30pm. Come along and sample some of Italy's delicious produce.

Resurfacing High Street and Market Place

Gloucestershire County Council will be resurfacing the High Street and Market Place in October. It is currently anticipated the work will be carried out on 19th and 26th October and 2nd November.

Car Park

We are pleased to announce that the town car park is now reopened and would like to thank Jerry Dodds and his team for their excellent work. We hope you will agree that it is a much improved surface for walking and driving on. **Please note, there is weight restriction in the car park of 2.4 tonnes, and parking overnight is prohibited.** We would also request that drivers refrain from driving on the grass verges.

Trees

Work has been carried out to lift the trees in and around St Mary's Drive and further work will be carried out on the tree at the entrance to Bettertons Close in due course.

Planning Committee

The Planning Committee are disappointed to announce that the Gladman planning application, for 120 houses on Cirencester Road has been allowed to go ahead (with conditions relating to foul and surface water drainage) by the Planning Inspectorate.

Town Council website

The Town Council has added the following disclaimer to its website.

Fairford Town Council only itself posts information on this website, and within the Town Council newsletter distributed six times per year. The Town Council does make some information available to other organisations, for example Ripples, and such organisations may also use information from the Town Council website. However, the Town Council has no control over how this is ultimately presented. Fairford Town Council is committed to the highest standard of quality information and every effort has been made to present up to date and accurate information. However, Fairford Town Council gives no warranty as to the accuracy of the information on this website and accepts no liability for any loss, damage or inconvenience caused as a result of reliance on such information.

Fairford Festive Market

Fairford Festive Market has become a regular event in the town calendar and is attended by hundreds of people to carry out their Christmas shopping and have a great time. This year the **Fairford Festive Market** will take place at **6.30pm** on **Friday 5th December 2014**, in Fairford Market Place. There will also be Street Entertainment such as Carol Singers, Fairground Rides and Santa's Grotto.

Would you like to have a stall at the Festive Market? The charge per stall is £25.00 Book your place soon, there are a limited number of stalls available. If you would like to join us at this festive event, get in touch with the Clerks for further information - clerks@fairford-tc.co.uk

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 15th October – The Book Thief

Wednesday 19th November – The Love Punch

Friday 17th October – Palmer Hall Variety Show
See web site/posters/Parish News for all details

RAF Fairford Update

RAF Fairford is home to the USAF 420th Air Base Squadron, which is part of the 501st Combat Support Wing based at RAF Alconbury in Cambridgeshire. The base is maintained in a ready, "warm status" by a civilian workforce who are responsible for all daily tasks and contingency preparations.

There are no aircraft permanently stationed at RAF Fairford, and the main mission of the base is to be ready to receive a deployment of aircraft and personnel with 48 hours' notice, both for real-world scenarios and for training exercises.

The base has been busy over the last few months, with a major training event for bomber aircraft in June, the Royal International Air Tattoo in July, and an emergency services exercise in September. And nobody could have missed the excitement when President Obama transited through RAF Fairford on Air Force One, on his way to and from the NATO Summit in Wales, in early September!

The base should be back to routine operations over the winter, and we are not, at this time, expecting any major exercises or activity over the next few months. If you have any queries about activities at RAF Fairford, please contact the Community Relations Adviser, Jenny Collyer, on 01285 714822 / 07764 166079 or e-mail jennifer.collyer.2.gb@us.af.mil

Free Basic Life Support Training

A defibrillator has now been installed in the porch of the Bull Hotel and is available for public use 24/7.

Fairford Town Council is offering you the opportunity to learn how to use a defibrillator and potentially save a life.

The training will take place on Saturday 1st November in the Community Centre at 10.00am. The awareness session lasts around two hours and will incorporate Basic Life Support (BLS) and the safe use of an Automatic External Defibrillator (AED).

The training session will be led by Tom Hart, Assistant Community Responder from the South Western Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust.

If you are interested in attending the training session, please get in touch with the Clerks, tel: 712344 or clerks@fairford-tc.co.uk.

An ambitious project is currently being planned and backed in principle, by the Council, to have at least one person in each area of the town (preferably street) trained in the use of a defibrillator and resuscitation techniques (CPR) and to subsequently include their names and contact details on a local register so that they may be contacted should anyone require support or assistance in advance of the emergency services arrival.

If you are interested in helping to organise this project, or undertaking the necessary training or alternatively you have already had such training (by profession or as a volunteer, e.g. Red Cross, First Responder, workplace, etc) and are willing to be included on the register, please either contact the Council office or Trevor Hing on 01285 712681/07866 450416 (e -mail: trevor.hing@btconnect.com).

Fairford Community Centre

It has been a good summer with social events taking advantage of the courtyard in the fine weather.

We now have a wide range of regular activities - something for everyone, including: Art classes, activities for Babies and Toddlers, Bridge Club, Country Market, various Exercise and Fitness classes, Gardeners club, History Society, U3A activities for senior citizens, Weight watchers, Yoga, and Youth club.

We have suitable accommodation if you would like to hire a room for an occasional business meeting, seminar or teaching session.

There are a number of rooms available for hire of various sizes suitable for fundraising events, parties, craft activities, meetings etc. All rooms have access to refreshment facilities and outside catering can be organised. Rooms can be booked by the hour, the day or for longer periods, with rates varying from a few £'s to around £14 per hour with concessions for regular bookings.

We are looking forward to a busy Christmas season so please book early for your weekend functions or weekday meetings.

For further information contact FCC Office -

Tel : 01285 711571

Email: bookings@fccentre.co.uk

Or, you are welcome to call into the Centre any weekday morning.

Further information with details of rooms and prices can be found on our website www.fairfordcommunitycentre.org

Police Point

The Police Point will be open on alternate Wednesdays from 9.00am - 12.00pm starting from 1st October.

Dates are: 1st October, 15th October, 29th October, 12th November, 12th 26th November.

The Police Point can be found in the Community Centre on the High Street, next to the church.

For all non-urgent matters you can call 101 at any time to speak to the police.

Work Opportunity in Fairford

Fairford Town Council is looking to contract a groundsman to carry out the following regular activities in the town and the burial ground:

Daily:

Litter pick in the Walnut Tree Field and car park & change the bags when needed.

Weekly:

Burial ground - Empty green compost and non compost bins and sort into wheelie bins ready for collection.
Levelling graves.
Preparing ground for interment of ashes.
Keeping paths clear of leaves, weeds, snow and ice.
Cutting back trees.
Clearing leaves and dead flowers from graves.
Keeping footpaths clear of over-hanging trees and shrubs.

Additional activities:

Watering flower tubs.
Washing the bus shelter floor when required.
Removing fly posters.
Tidying the courtyard in the Community Centre.
Clearing the area around the Community Centre of leaves.
Maintaining flower tubs at the front of the Community Centre.
Attendance at interment of ashes to fill hole after interment.

At the present time this role would be carried out along side our present contractor, with a view to taking on more responsibility in the future.

If you are interested in tendering for the contract, please get in touch with the Clerk on 01285 712344 or email clerks@fairford-tc.co.uk.

Fairford Dial-a-Ride Timetable

Cirencester every Thursday departing Fairford 08.30am (1) & 09.30 (2) returning 11.15am & 12.15 cost £3.40

<u>October</u>	<u>Destination</u>	<u>Depart Fairford AM</u>	<u>Return PM</u>	<u>COST</u>
Wednesday 1 st	Blunsdon Market	10.00	12.15	4.50
Friday 3 rd	Witney	09.00	1.00	6.00
Tuesday 7 th	Swindon Orbital	10.00	2.00	8.00
Tuesday 14 th	Banbury	09.00	2.00	10.20
Wednesday 15 th	Fairford Market - Villages	09.00	11.15	variable
Thursday 23 rd	Carterton (**replaces Cirencester 1)	09.00	12.00	4.50
Monday 27 th	Central Swindon	09.00	12.30	5.00
Friday 31 st	Cheltenham	09.00	1.00	7.50
Friday 31 st	Lechlade Garden Centre	10.00	12.30	3.00
<u>November</u>	<u>Destination</u>	<u>Depart Fairford AM</u>	<u>Return PM</u>	<u>COST</u>
Tuesday 4 th	Swindon Orbital	10.00	2.00	5.00
Wednesday 5 th	Blunsdon Market	10.00	12.15	4.50
Friday 7 th	Witney	09.00	1.00	6.00
Tuesday 11 th	Oxford	09.00	1.30	8.20
Wednesday 19 th	Fairford Market – Villages	09.00	11.15	variable
Thursday 20 th	Carterton (**replaces Cirencester 1)	09.00	12.00	4.50
Monday 24 th	Central Swindon	09.00	12.30	5.00
Friday 28 th	Cheltenham	09.00	1.00	7.50
Friday 28 th	Lechlade Garden Centre	10.00	12.30	3.00

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 1st floor of the Community Centre Monday through to Friday 08.30 – 12.00.