



FAIRFORD TOWN COUNCIL

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Mayor's Introduction



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There is more information in this newsletter about the Town Council elections, which will take place at the same time as the General Election in May. Please do consider standing for the Council, which does make a difference to the well-being of Fairford, and do not think that you need to have lived here for some years to be eligible – new residents with fresh ideas are welcome.

The path to the north of Mill Lane should be open by the time you read this. I hope that you will find it helpful, and thanks to the ECT for making it possible.

Gloucestershire CC is planning resurfacing works on London Road from Lower Croft to Hatherop Lane. Although this will result in some inconvenience we trust that the results will be worthwhile – the recently resurfaced Park Street is looking much smarter.

The Council has now awarded funding for capital projects to a number of local groups, including the Football Club, Youth Football Club, Cricket Club, U3A and Little Lambs. The Council will shortly be considering whether to continue this scheme into next year.

The Council has postponed a decision on the 2015 Citizen of the Year and the Geoff Chick Young Citizen of the Year Awards until the next Full Council meeting on 14 April, and will now be taking nominations up to Friday 10 April – more details on how to nominate are inside. The winners will be announced at the Annual Town Meeting on 28 May.

This is my last newsletter introduction as Mayor. I would like to thank everyone, including the Clerk and Assistant Clerk, for their support over the past two years and send my good wishes to the new Town Council and Mayor. Caroline Mumford

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Town Council Meetings

The next two Full Town Council Meetings will be on **Tuesday 14th April** and **Tuesday 12th May** at 7pm in the Barker Room, Fairford Community Centre.

The Annual Town Meeting will take place on **Thursday 28th May** at 7.00pm in the Farmor Room, Fairford Community Centre.

Committee News

Mill Lane Footpath

Work is almost complete on the footpath in Mill Lane. We hope residents will enjoy a safer walk to and from the west end of Fairford.

Play equipment

A new slide has been installed in the Walnut Tree Field. Our thanks goes to Les Webb and his team at LR Engineering for its manufacture and installation.

Burial Ground

The Town Council is still looking for land suitable for use as a burial ground. Please get in touch with the Clerks if you have any suggestions or if you have any land that we could consider.

Fairford Community Speed Watch

The Council has purchased a speed gun and so FCSW will be out and about over the coming months carrying out regular speed checks. Would you like to join them? Full training is given by the Police. If you have a few hours to spare every couple of months, then why not join this worthwhile group and help to slow down the traffic in your town? Get in touch with the Clerks for more information.

Town Council Elections 7th May 2015

There is still time for you to become a Town Councillor. The deadline for submissions is **9th April**. Application forms can be downloaded from the CDC website or from the FTC website. The nomination form is a straightforward form that requires your details and signature along with the signature of two other electors to act as witnesses. Ward details and elector numbers can be obtained, in person, from the Town Council office.

In order for a contested election to take place, there must be more candidates than spaces on the Council. If there are 13 or fewer candidates then all will be elected uncontested and vacancies filled by co-option.

Being a Town Councillor is a rewarding role, and one that does not have to take up a lot of your time. You must commit to at least one Committee meeting per month (all meetings take place on Tuesday evenings), plus the Full Council meeting every 2nd Tuesday. Beyond that commitment, it is entirely your choice as to how involved you wish to become in helping to shape the future of your town.

There is no criteria to becoming a Councillor regarding how long you have lived in Fairford. New residents are as eligible as long-standing residents and all ideas are welcome.

No special skills are required and training will be given so you can be confident that you can become a great Councillor even if it's not like anything you've done before!

If you have any questions, please call the Clerks on 712344/713326, or talk to one of your current Councillors.

New Ward Boundaries. Fairford has been split into two wards for electoral purposes. Fairford North will be represented by 9 Town Councillors and Fairford South by 4 Town Councillors. The Boundary is the A417. **The following are in Fairford South:** Back Lane, Beaumont Place, Cinder Lane, South side of Cirencester Road, Courtbrook, East End, Eastbourne Terrace, Faulkners Close, Groves Place, Horcott Road, Keble lawns, Lakeside, South side of London Road, London Street, & Milton Street, Lygon Court, Moor Lane, The Plies, Totterdown Lane, Waterloo Lane, White Hart Court.

The following are in Fairford North: Fairford Gate, Stoneleigh, Aldsworth Close, Barker Place, Beachamp Close, Bettertons Close, Bridge Street, Churchill Place, Coronation Street, Crabtree Park, Dynevor Terrace, Fairford Park, Fayre Gardens, Hatherop Road, High Street, Homeground Lane, Jeffries Close, John Tame Close, Leafield

Road, North side of London Street, London Road & Milton Street, Longlands, Manor Close, market Place, Mill Lane, Milton Place, Mount Pleasant, Park Close, Park Street, Prince Charles Road, Queensfield, St Mary's Drive, Saxon Way, Sunhill Close, The Croft, The Garrets, The Green, The Orchard, The Quarry, Victory Villas, Vines Row, Warwick Close, West End Gardens.

The list is not exhaustive. Call the Clerks if you have any queries.

Life Support Training

Basic Life Support training was given to a group of local residents by the Great Western Ambulance Service and the Fairford & Lechlade First Response team on Saturday 1st November. The training covered the deployment of the recovery position for an unconscious patient, the use of an AED (Automated External Defibrillator) together with CPR (cardiopulmonary Resuscitation) techniques. These life skills are essential and may help you to save the life of a family member or someone you come across in the street as happened earlier this year. Further training sessions will be organised as soon as we have sufficient uptake from the community. If you are interested in receiving this training, please let the Clerks know on 712344/713326 or by email, clerks@fairford-tc.co.uk.

If you have already received relevant training either professionally, in the workplace or voluntarily we would also like to hear from you to enable us to build a life Support Skills database for the town. **Whilst you should always ring 999 in a medical emergency**, the assistance of a trained neighbour could save a life.

Cllr Trevor Hing.

Citizen & Young Citizen of the year

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 10th April. The winners receive a money prize and all nominees receive a Fairford Town Badge. The results will be announced at the Annual Town Meeting on 28th May.

Fairford Library (01285 712599)

Opening Hours:

Monday & Wednesday 9.30am to 5pm, Thursday 9.30am-7pm, Saturday 9.30am-1pm

Easter : closed Saturday 4th and Monday 6th April

Special offer DVD Hire for Easter period – hire on **Thu 2nd April** return **Wed 8th April** for loan charge of £1.50 for recent titles or £1 for older titles.

Regular events:

Toddler Time – every Monday 10am – 10.30am; have fun with songs, rhymes and stories. For pre-school children aged approx 2 years to school age and their grown ups

Baby Bounce & Rhyme Time: every Wednesday 10.30am – 11am; sing along, wiggle and jiggle. For babies up to 2 years and their grown ups

Library Club: every third Thursday of the month 11am – 12 noon, next on 16th April and 21st May. Are you unable to get to the library, but would like to come to borrow books and have a cuppa? Come and join our happy & friendly group. Or do you know someone who is unable to get out and about and would like this service? Transport with disabled facilities is provided

We are hosting a **Drop-In event about Dementia** on **16th April**, 11am – 12 noon. If you would like to find out more and speak to Mel Curtis, Dementia Adviser for South Cotswolds Alzheimer's Society, please call in and speak to Mel, she will be pleased to give information.

We stock a range of books about all aspects of Dementia for carers and their families.

Free family history research help to help get you started with our 'Ancestry Buddy' volunteer. The **Gloucestershire Parish Register collection** is now available online through Ancestry, accessible free in the Library. Digitised from original records held by Gloucestershire Archives, it covers a period from 1538-1988.

New bus timetable now available for both Cotswold South and Cotswold North & Central.

Road Closures in Fairford

30th March to 2nd April: A 417 London Road will be closed for resurfacing works from Lower Croft to Hatherop Lane.

7th—17th April: A417 will be closed from White Hart Court to the junction of A417/High Street. There will be pedestrian access only. This closure is for essential gas main works.

Fairford Community Centre

In need of somewhere to host your spring party or celebration and are short on space?

Spring is here and whether you are looking to host a children's birthday party, christening, concert, anniversary celebration or just want to get together with family and friends then we can offer you a perfect venue.

If the sun is shining, then make the most of it and use our beautiful glazed walkway and courtyard area perfect for alfresco dining. If the weather is proving unpredictable then don't worry there are rooms of various sizes available to hire inside the centre that cater for parties of up to 100 people.

Each room can be booked by the hour, the day or for longer periods. Rates vary from a few £s to around £14 per hour.

Some of the facilities we are able to offer are:

- Hearing Loop / Sound System
- Fully Equipped kitchen
- Alcohol License
- Live music license
- Recommend local caterers for you

You are most welcome to call in and look round, any weekday morning. 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 Tel : 01285 711571

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 April – The Imitation Game

Wednesday 20th May – What we did on Holiday

Active Together Grant Funding

Community Groups can apply for a grant of anything up to £40,000 to create physical and sporting activities locally.

More information can be found at:

www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/activetogether.

If you want to apply, the first step is to get in touch with County Councillor Ray Theodoulou, as support from your County Councillor is vital to a successful application.

Raymond.theodoulou@gloucestershire.gov.uk

Fairford Festival Road Closures

Park Street and Mill Lane will be closed for Fairford Festival, from 12.00pm - 2.00pm Saturday 6th June 2015, and

9.45am - 12.00pm on Sunday 7th June 2015 .

Fairford Dial-a-Ride Timetable

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

| <u>APRIL 2015</u> | <u>Destination</u> | <u>Depart Fairford AM</u> | <u>Return PM</u> | <u>Cost</u> |
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| Wednesday 1 st | Blunsdon Market | 10.00 | 12.15 | 5.00 |
| Tuesday 7 th | Swindon Orbital | 10.00 | 2.00 | 5.50 |
| Thursday 9 th | Carterton Market (replaces Cirencester 1) | 09.00 | 12.00 | 5.00 |
| Friday 10 th | Witney | 09.00 | 1.00 | 6.80 |
| Wednesday 15 th | Fairford Market - Villages | 09.00 | 11.15 | Variable |
| Tuesday 21 st | Cheltenham (Limited Seats) | 09.00 | 1.00 | 8.20 |
| Friday 24 th | Cheltenham | 09.00 | 1.00 | 8.20 |
| Friday 24 th | Burford Garden Centre | 09.00 | 1.00 | 5.50 |
| Monday 27 th | Central Swindon | 09.00 | 12.30 | 5.50 |

All Departure Times are from Fairford Fire Station

All departure times are from the Fire Station and NOT arrival at your home.

Please note from April 1st there are fare increases.

To book seats please ring 01285 713852 (Jill or Clive) or pop into the Community Centre Office Mon-Fri 0800-1200