



# FAIRFORD TOWN COUNCIL

JUNE 2015

## Mayor's Introduction



Cllr Jennie  
Sanford  
Fairford Town  
Mayor  
Tel 713671

On Tuesday 12th May, at the Annual Meeting of the Town Council, I formally accepted the position of Mayor of Fairford. I am honoured to represent the town for the forthcoming year. I look forward to working with the Deputy Mayor, Cllr Barry Fenby, and all my fellow councillors.

My thanks go to Caroline Mumford who has done an excellent job as Mayor for the past two years. Martin Harwood retired after serving Fairford Town Council for 32 years. I wish him well in his retirement. Mark Wardle and Jonathan Cumpstey have also stepped down from the Council, and I would like to extend the gratitude of the Council to them for all their hard work whilst in office. Fairford now has two new councillors whom I would like to welcome to the team; Cllr Richard Harrison and Cllr Rob Rao. Fairford Town Council has vacancies for two councillors if anyone would like to apply, please see inside this Newsletter for further information.

As part of the strategic vision for Fairford, the Council has resolved to produce a Neighbourhood Plan. This is a lengthy and fairly complex process and we will be looking for *your help* to create the right vision for Fairford. A Neighbourhood Plan will give residents and businesses direct power to develop a shared vision for Fairford and shape the development and growth of our town.

The Council has re-launched the Community Capital Project Grant Scheme. Applications are invited from community groups in Fairford. Further information can be found on page 5 of the Newsletter.

Cllr Jennie Sanford, Mayor.

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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 9th June** and **Tuesday 14th July** at 7pm in the Barker Room, Fairford Community Centre.

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

## Your Councillors in 2015

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Two new Councillors were elected in May 2015. You can find out more about them on the next page. However, there remains two vacancies on the Town Council for the office of Councillor. More information about becoming a Councillor can be found on page 5 of this Newsletter.

**Cllr Richard Harrison**

I moved to Fairford with my family in July 1994 and have enjoyed living and seeing my children grow up here over the past 20+ years despite some traumatic moments. Most notably the loss of my wife, Joy, in a tragic incident on holiday in 2006 and episodes of activity at RAF Fairford, when the realities of international affairs have been brought uncomfortably close to us.

Since taking early retirement about six years ago, after a career in the power industry, I have devoted my main efforts to my family and to revitalising the Tennis Club, for which we successfully obtained a grant from Sport England and installed floodlights. I have also recently started working on a novel, drawing on my life experiences including previous part-time employment as a youth worker.

Despite having spent long periods commuting away, I have always appreciated coming home to Fairford with its rural feel, 'self-contained' atmosphere with its schools, sporting and recreational facilities, which have improved significantly over the years, local businesses (sadly, less than there used to be) and idiosyncrasies such as the junction at the bottom of the Market

Square, which continue to hold out in their own particular way against the 'one size fits all' solutions of remote authorities.

I hope to use my experience to keep in tune with what people in Fairford really want, address their concerns and help to secure a truly sustainable future for everybody here.

Please feel free to contact me on **richard4fairford@gmail.com**.

**Cllr Rob Rao**

My wife, Helen, and I have only recently moved to Fairford last year, when our daughter, Matilda, was just 10 days old! Prior to moving here, we have lived in Swindon for the past 13 years, where we both still work. I am an HR Manager in a large financial services organisation, and my wife is the Assistant Head Teacher at a successful primary school.

We have both been keen to be part of a smaller community and live in a more rural setting for some time. We have loved every aspect of living in Fairford so far, feeling that it will be a perfect location to bring up our daughter and establish our roots. I hope, as a Councillor, I will be able to contribute and add value to my new local community, and I am really looking forward to the challenge and opportunity that it brings. **robertrao981@btinternet.com**

## Community Update

A group of volunteers and Councillors worked hard one Saturday morning to resurface Keble Alley.

The tarmac planings from the resurfacing of The Croft were used - a fine example of reuse & recycle. Thanks must go to everyone who helped, and to JGD Construction for donating the roller hire.



Savoir Fayre are bringing a fabulous **French Market** to Fairford on **Sunday 21st June**. Over 30 stalls, selling a fabulous selection of goods from chic clothes to delicious food. Do come along and savour a taste of France.

*Please note, the Market Place will be closed to traffic and parking from 18.00 on Saturday 20th June - 19.00 on Sunday 21st June.*

### Can you tell your Nauru from your Vanuatu?

Fairford Flag Festival will run from May until August.

A Flag Finder trail is available from the Town Council office and can be found on the website.

**!! Win a prize !!**

**The first five correct trail sheets handed into the Council office will win a prize!!**

Deadline for entries is Friday 26th June.



Thank you to everyone who helped to put the flags up!



## Vacancies on the Town Council

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Following on from the election in May, there are **two** vacancies on the Council that can be filled by co-option.

### **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. You will find their contact details on page two of the Newsletter.

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## Community Capital Project Fund

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Fairford Town Council has allocated the sum of up to £15,000 to be distributed in whole or in part to support capital projects proposed by Community Groups, Sports Clubs and Societies.

Applications are invited, in writing, from such Groups, Sports Clubs and Societies whose membership and participation benefits, primarily, the residents and families of Fairford.

Maximum grant to any one organisation will be £5,000 and grants will only be awarded to support capital projects and will only be awarded where organisations can demonstrate match funding is, or will be, in place before funds are released by the Town Council.

For more information or for an application form please get in touch with the office on 01285 172344 or download it: [www.fairfordtowncouncil.gov.uk](http://www.fairfordtowncouncil.gov.uk).

The deadline for applications is **Monday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2015**

## 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 17<sup>th</sup> June – The Theory of Everything**  
**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July – Into the Woods (Meryl Streep)**

## Fairford Community Centre

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Our **Annual General Meeting** will be held on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2015 at 7.30 pm. in the Farmor room. **All welcome.**

*If you use the centre, please come and tell us what you think about it.*

### **Fresh new look for the Heritage room**

In our continued commitment to keeping your centre looking its best we are currently refurbishing the Heritage Room; it has been freshly painted and a new carpet fitted. The refurbished blinds are due to be put back up shortly. We hope you agree that it looks much better for these improvements.

### **In need of office space?**

Do you work from home but outgrown your home office and are looking somewhere to rent locally? If so, we currently have a room available to hire in the centre as office space at very reasonable rates. The office is furnished and has a kitchenette area.

If you would like more details regarding any of the office facilities we have, then please contact the community centre office on 01285 711571.

## Fairford Library - 01285 712599

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### **Opening Hours:**

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

### **Special offer DVD Hire for Bank Holiday period –**

Hire on **Sat 23<sup>rd</sup> May return Wed 27<sup>th</sup> May** for loan charge of £1.50 for recent titles or £1 for older titles.

**Fairford Festival Event at The Library:** Thu 4<sup>th</sup> June 9.30am – 7pm and Sat 6<sup>th</sup> June 9.30am – 1pm. Display of old and not so old Brownie, Guide and Scout Group photographs for Fairford and surrounding areas. Come and see if you are there!

**Toddler Time** – every Monday 10.00 – 10.30; 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 10.30 – 11.00; 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 18<sup>th</sup> June and 16<sup>th</sup> July. 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.

<http://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/libraries>.

## Fairford Festival Road Closure

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During Fairford Festival, Park Street will be closed on:

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2015 between 12:00 and 14:00

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2015 between 09:45 and 12:00.

## Fairford Dial-a-Ride Timetable

*Cirencester: Thursdays departing Fairford 08.30am(1) & 09.00(2)  
returning 11.15am & 12.15 cost 3.80*

<b>June 2015</b>	<b>Destination</b>	<b>Depart Fairford AM</b>	<b>Return PM</b>	<b>Cost</b>
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Swindon Orbital	10.00	2.00	5.50
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Fairford Market - Villages	09.00	11.15	variable
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Millets Farm	09.00	12.00	7.00
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Carterton Market (replaces Cirencester 1)	09.00	12.00	5.00
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Witney	09.00	1.00	6.80
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Witney (Limited Seats)	09.00	1.00	8.20
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Fairford Market - Villages	09.00	11.15	Variable
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Central Swindon	09.00	12.30	5.50
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Dobbies Garden Centre	10.00	12.30	3.80
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Cheltenham	09.00	1.00	8.20
<b>July</b>	<b>Destination</b>	<b>Depart Fairford AM</b>	<b>Return PM</b>	<b>Cost</b>
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup>	Fairford Market	09.00	11.15	Variable
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Swindon Orbital	10.00	2.00	5.75
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Carterton Market (replaces Cirencester 1)	09.00	12.00	5.20
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Witney	09.00	1.00	7.00
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Fairford Market - Villages	09.00	11.15	Variable
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Witney (Limited Seats)	09.00	1.00	7.00
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Lechlade Garden Centre	10.00	12.30	3.60
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Cheltenham	09.00	1.00	8.50
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Salisbury	08.30	14.00	15.00

**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 **July 1<sup>st</sup>** 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.