



# FAIRFORD TOWN COUNCIL

AUGUST 2015

## Mayor's Introduction



Cllr Jennie  
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Fairford Town  
Mayor  
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We were honoured on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> May by a visit from HRH Prince Charles when he attended St Mary's Church for the Music in Country Churches concert. It was marvellous to see so many people welcome him to Fairford.

Along with other local Councillors, I was invited to RAF Fairford for a Civic Reception in June. We were given a guided tour of the base and had the opportunity to visit a B52 and to watch the B2 take off, and a B52 to land. It was interesting to see that many of the older units have been demolished to be replaced by new ones.

The French Market was a great success. The weather, ambiance and the visitors all made it a pleasant experience. The market organizers have suggested they will return next year, and we look forward to welcoming them again.

Following numerous complaints from residents about the service in Boots Chemist, it seems that things are set to improve. A new Area Manager from Boots Head Office has been tasked with turning around the problems faced in the store. His area of responsibility covers 13 stores including Fairford and he has more than 11 years' experience. Currently, extra staff have been brought in to try to clear the backlog of prescriptions and other help is being provided to put the chemist shop back on track.

Cllr Jennie Sanford, Mayor.

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## COUNCIL NEWS

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Website: [www.fairfordtowncouncil.gov.uk](http://www.fairfordtowncouncil.gov.uk)

## Town Council Meetings

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The next two Full Town Council Meetings will be on **Tuesday 11th August** and **Tuesday 8th September** at 7pm in the Barker Room, Fairford Community Centre.

## The Council's Facebook page



The Council has launched its own Facebook page. We hope it will be a quick and easy way for us to get information to you about Council activities, consultations, events and news. You can find us at [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com) and search for Fairford Town Council.

Simply  our page to find out more.

## Council News

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The Zip wire in the Walnut Tree Field had been decommissioned until repairs can be made. The wood on the platform is showing signs of deterioration and is not deemed safe for use. The Council has agreed to either repair or replace the zip wire as soon as possible.

**Neighbourhood Development Plan:** We cannot change the past, but we can and must, plan for the future. A Neighbourhood Plan will not just be about future housing development, but will also look at our infrastructure needs, business growth, tourism, highways/footpaths, schooling, healthcare etc for **ALL** the community, up until 2040. The plan has to be **community driven**, and represent the views and wishes of **YOU**, the residents of Fairford. **If you value living in Fairford and enjoy the town's unique character, then we need your input and support.** Through this, **YOU** will be able to influence Fairford's future development. If you are interested in getting involved, please contact the Council office.

## Vacancies on the Town Council

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### **You never know what you might get up to!!**

An opportunity to get involved and make a difference.

The Council is at the start of a new year, and making plans for the future of Fairford — be a part of it!

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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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. 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 are interested, have a look at the Fairford Town Council website for details of the Committees and more information about what the Town Council does. You can call the office any weekday morning to speak to either of the Clerks, or email any of the current Councillors to find out more about the role. All of their details can be found on the website: **[www.fairfordtowncouncil.gov.uk](http://www.fairfordtowncouncil.gov.uk)**.

The vacancies will be filled by co-option.

## **Love your town a little bit more!**

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The Council has received several comments from residents regarding the prevalence of litter around the town. We would like to urge everyone to use the many litter bins provided around the town, and to pick up any stray litter that may be found. Litter, particularly food take-away cartons, dropped on the ground or blown into fields can kill cows if they eat it.

If you want to organise a litter-pick in your local area, the Council can provide sacks, gloves and litter picking tools. Bagged litter can be collected, at no cost, from designated areas. If you are interested in organising a litter pick - please contact the Council office.

# Community Update

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## Defibrillator

If you have cause to remove any of the defibrillators available for public use around the town, please can you leave a note in the book provided in the box as to where it is being used. Thank you!

## Winners!!

Congratulations to Harriet Elliott and Mrs J Pugh for completing the Fairford Flag Trail. Well done!

## Grants Available

The Council still has grants of up to £5000 to donate to community groups for capital projects - if you would like to apply, please download the application form from the website, or call the office on 712344 for more information.

## Parking Restrictions on the High Street

The 1 hour parking limit is now in force on the High Street, from the junction with London Road up to the Croft Alley. Monday - Saturday, 8.30am—6.30pm 1 hour parking, no return within 1 hour.

## Welcome Pack

A "Welcome to Fairford" pack is available from the Council office. The pack contains information on the local area and includes many useful contacts for people living in Fairford. Do pop in and collect one, or alternatively, it is available to download from our website.

# Fairford & District Choral Society

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**Rehearsals begin on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September** for the concert on 28<sup>th</sup> November, performing **Rossini's Petite Messe Solennelle** – which is certainly not small, or solemn, but a terrifically good sing! This next concert will be the final one for founder conductor, John Read, who has successfully built up the choir over 10 years.

New singers are VERY welcome – meetings are at Fairford United Church, Milton Street, GL7 4BW from 7.30 – 9.30 each Wednesday. Further details from the Choir website: [www.fairford.org/choralsociety](http://www.fairford.org/choralsociety)

# Fairford Festival

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A big thank you to all those who attended the Fairford Festival this year and helped to make it such a success. We were blessed with fine weather and the feedback from the people that attended has been very positive. I would also like to thank the committee members and volunteers who worked tirelessly to make the Festival such a wonderful event. We are hoping to build on this year's experiences to make next year's event even better!

We did make a small profit so we are able to donate £500 to the Town charity for local charities.

The Festival AGM will be held on **Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September at 6.30 p.m.** at Fairford Cricket Club. Everyone is invited to attend and the Committee would welcome your feedback on this year's Festival and any ideas you may have for next year. Kerrie-Anne Payne will be the Chair for 2016 and I hope you will all support her and the team in the future. Many thanks for all your support.

Jennie Sanford

With thanks to our sponsors:-

*7a Coffee Shop, AMM Book Keeping & Accountancy, Andrew Butler Butchers, Blunsdon House Hotel, The Bull Hotel, Christine Chisnall, Colosseo Ristorante, Co-operative supermarket, Cotswold Volunteers, The Ernest Cook Trust, Enntwine Gift Shop, Fairford Classic Car Club, Fairford Community Centre, Fairford Cricket Club, Fairford Therapy Centre, Fairford Town Council, Fairford Women's Institute, Ian Wilson Services, Lakshmi Marquees, LeachPrint, Lechlade Garden Centre, Mike Parker Garden Machinery, Mister Ernest (Hairdresser), Mitchell & Sarjent (Tax Consultants), Pam Edwards, Parades Photography, Royal International Air Tattoo, Stonewater Homes, The Outside Inn Company, The Fairford Plough, Running Somewhere Else - Cirencester, The T-Shirt Studio.*

## Networking with Fairford & Lechlade Business Club

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Do you run a business locally but would like to find more customers and/or suppliers? Then why not join the Fairford & Lechlade Business Club? Regular monthly networking meetings with interesting and informative speakers.

The next event is the Summer Social on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> September at The Trout Inn, Lechlade. Starting at 3.30pm with a Boot Up Ur Business event, which is a new take on the car boot sale. Bring along information to promote your business. Cotswold Boat Hire will be making some of their boats available so you can enjoy "messaging about on the river". Later, at 5.30 pm, there will be a bbq and live music. Children, family, friends and business associates all welcome. For details, call Chris Roberts on 01285 712150, [admin@flbc.org.uk](mailto:admin@flbc.org.uk).

## 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 the Palmer Hall website). 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 the website [www.thepalmerhall.org](http://www.thepalmerhall.org)

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

#### **NO August film**

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> September – The Second Best Marigold Hotel**

## Fairford Community Centre

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Summer 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 Licence
- Live music licence
- Recommend local caterers for you

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

## Fairford Library - 01285 712599

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### WEDNESDAY 5<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2015

Summer Reading Challenge is a nationwide initiative held during every school summer holiday for children aged 4 – 11 to encourage them to read 6 books.

This year Summer Reading Challenge are working in partnership with **The Reading Agency** and **Guinness World Records** to be part of "Record Breakers".

There is a different theme each year and children can read what they like as long as they are borrowed from the Library, with exciting things to collect and do along the way.

We would like to challenge everyone of any age to be a Record Breaker and come into the Library at Fairford so that we can get as many people through our door during the day.

## Fun activities with TS Raleigh Cadets

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Since joining the Maritime Corps supported by Young Gloucestershire, TS Raleigh for girls/boys aged 8-18 years in Fairford/Lechlade area, has gone from strength to strength. It now owns its very own Pico dinghy and the Cadets go sailing regularly at Bowmoor Sailing Club.

The Cadets also get involved in community events: Remembrance Day Service in Fairford; they welcomed HRH Prince Charles to Fairford in May; helped at the Lechlade Duck Race and Quenington fete; also helped out at Quenington Fresh Air and Lechlade TroutFest and were proud to receive the Judges Choice trophy in the Fairford Festival Parade.

TS Raleigh is now recruiting for more Cadets. They meet every Tuesday between 7-9pm at Fairford Fire Station. First meeting is FREE! Please contact Chris Roberts on 01285 712150, [chris@cotswoldwireless.co.uk](mailto:chris@cotswoldwireless.co.uk).

## Fairford Dial-a-Ride Timetable

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

<b>August 2015</b>	<b>Destination</b>	<b>Depart Fairford AM</b>	<b>Return PM</b>	<b>Cost</b>
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Swindon Orbital	0900	2.00	5.75
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Fairford Market - Villages	09.00	11.15	Variable
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Gloucester	08.30	12.30	9.00
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Carterton Market (Replaces Cirencester 1)	0830	12.00	5.20
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Witney	09.00	1.00	7.00
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Banbury (Limited Seats)	0830	1.00	10.70
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Fairford Market - Villages	09.00	11.15	Variable
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Central Swindon	08.30	12.15	5.75
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Cheltenham	08.30	1.00	8.50
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Burford Garden Centre	09.00	12.30	5.50
<b>Sept 2015</b>	<b>Destination</b>	<b>Depart Fairford AM</b>	<b>Return PM</b>	<b>Cost</b>
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup>	Swindon Orbital	0900	2.00	5.75
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Fairford Market - Villages	09.00	11.15	Variable
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Bourton on the Water/Stow on Wold	08.30	13.00	7.50
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Carterton Market (Replaces Cirencester 1)	08.30	12.00	5.20
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Witney	09.00	1.00	7.00
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Cheltenham (limited seats)	08.30	1.00	8.50
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Fairford Market - Villages	09.00	11.15	Variable
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup>	Cheltenham	08.30	1.00	8.50
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup>	Milletts Farm - Craft & Gift Fair	09.00	2.00	7.50
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Central Swindon	08.30	12.15	5.75

**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.