



# FAIRFORD TOWN COUNCIL

FEBRUARY 2016

## Mayor's Introduction



Cllr Jennie  
Sanford  
Fairford Town  
Mayor  
Tel 713671

I would like to wish you all a very happy and healthy New Year.

We have had lots of positive comments and letters expressing how lovely the town lights looked over the Festive Season. I would like to extend my gratitude to all the volunteers that made it possible. If you would like to get involved this year, please get in touch - all offers of help are welcome.

The Festive Market was a success. Thank you all for supporting this event. We have listened to your comments and plans are underway to improve the sound system, the lighting and parking. If you have any other comments regarding improvements to the Market, please get in touch. Again I would like to thank all the volunteers that made this possible.

As many of you will know, Albert Alder retired at the end of November. He was presented with a cheque and a card, and his wife Brenda was presented with a bouquet of flowers. Although, officially retired, Albert will still be seen going about his business tidying up the town as a volunteer!

In February I am hoping to meet Sarah Schantz, who is the granddaughter of Wallace Glavor, a US army service man who was stationed in Fairford during WWII. She is hoping to see the Union flag he "liberated" during the VE day celebrations, and meet any of the families that may have had connections to this piece of history. We have tracked down the Flag and a Baseball hat belonging to her grandfather and hopefully we will give her a warm "Fairford welcome". Best wishes, Jennie Sanford.

### CONTENTS

**Page 3 -**  
Community  
update

**Page 6 -**  
Events at the  
library

**Page 8 -**  
Dial a Ride  
timetable

LARGE PRINT VERSIONS OF THE NEWSLETTER CAN BE REQUESTED

## COUNCIL NEWS

---

CONTACT DETAILS: Fairford Town Council, Community Centre, High Street, Fairford, GL7 4AF

Tel: 01285 713326/712344 Email: [clerks@fairford-tc.co.uk](mailto:clerks@fairford-tc.co.uk)

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

## Town Council Meetings

---

The next two Full Town Council Meetings will be on **Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> February** and **Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March** at 7pm in the Barker Room, Fairford Community Centre.

## Council News

---

**Neighbourhood Plan Questionnaires** - Please do complete and return the questionnaire sent out in January. Your comments are valuable and will help to inform the plan.

**Grants** - The Council is delighted to announce that grants of up to £5000 have been awarded to the following local organisations through the Community Capital Project Scheme:

Fairford Primary PTA  
Fairford Town Football Club  
Fairford Cricket Club  
Fairford Pre-School

**Allotments** - all 20 plots have now been allocated. However, if you would like to put your name on the waiting list for future plots, please get in touch with the office.

**A message of thanks from Mr Albert Alder** - I would like to thank the Council for first giving me the opportunity to work in Fairford doing what I enjoy so much. And I would also like to say thank you to all the people who stop for a chat or wave hello to me as I am going about my work in the town. Your support has spurred me on through the cold wet days! I hope to continue to do my bit around the town for as long as I am able. Best wishes, Albert.

## Community Update

**Changes to Fairford Post Office** - The Post Office will be closed from 26th January and will reopen on **Monday 8th February** at **1.00pm**.

During the refurbishment, Post office services can be accessed at Coln St Aldwyns (Coln St Aldwyns Post Office, Main Street, GL7 5AN), Lechlade Post Office (Market Square, Lechlade) and Highworth (Highworth Post Office, Midcounties Co-op, Brewery Street, Highworth, SN6 7AJ).

The new opening hours for the Post Office will be Monday - Saturday 8.00am - 5.30pm

**Compulsory microchipping for dogs** - We would like to remind all dog owners that, by law, all dogs must be microchipped and registered on an approved database by 6<sup>th</sup> April 2016.

**Fairford Pre-School** - In December, Ofsted carried out a formal inspection of the Pre-School, the first since the new staff team has been in place. We are delighted with the outcome and are proud to share that, under the new Ofsted Inspection Regime, we were designated **good in all areas**. This achievement is as a direct result of the hard work and dedication of the staff, the effective management by the committee, the support of the parents and not least the children we have the joy of teaching and preparing for Primary School. This is great news for the future of the Pre-School and the ongoing early years education of the children within the community. David Bould, Chair. Fairford Pre-School.

Fairford Primary School PTA

# QUIZ NIGHT

Come along for an evening of fun and general knowledge to support the  
Fairford Primary School PTA

at

Fairford Football Club

On

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> March

Doors open at 7:30pm,  
quiz starts at 8:00pm

Ticket Price is just £7.50 per person  
(price includes supper)

Maximum of 8 people per team.

Tickets available from 7a Coffee Shop or Fairford Primary School  
Office.

Limited availability so buy early to avoid disappointment!

Thanks for your support.

## 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, cutlery and glasses at no extra cost. There is a stage with fully functional stage lighting and curtains; also a projector and a large screen for film/PowerPoint presentations and a sound system.

Palmer Hall has a full drinks licence.

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 20<sup>th</sup> January – Where Angels fear to Tread

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> February – A Little Chaos

## Fairford & Lechlade Business Club

---

By the time you read this, the Fairford & Lechlade Business Club Business Awards will have been presented to the local businesses showing overall excellence, innovation and their valuable contribution to the economic strength of the area. The Business Club received an unprecedented number of entries this year, thank you to everyone who entered. Thanks also to our sponsors and supporters:

Bloor Homes	Business West	Cotswold Woollen Weavers
Crown of Crucis Hotel	FSB (Cotswolds Branch)	Lechlade Garden Centre
McGills Chartered Accountants	Moore Allen & Innocent	Peter Paredes Photography
RAFCTE (RIAT)	Ripples Community Magazine	Wilts & Glos Standard

Our next meeting is on **Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30pm** at Fairford Community Centre when Malcolm Cutler will be talking about the Fairford Neighbourhood Development Plan and feeding back on the responses from local business to the NDP questionnaire.

For more information, please contact Chris on 01285 712150, [admin@flbc.org.uk](mailto:admin@flbc.org.uk) or [www.flbc.org.uk](http://www.flbc.org.uk).

## Recruiting now for TS Raleigh

---

TS Raleigh in Fairford is affiliated to the Maritime Cadet Corps and promotes enjoyable activities for boys and girls from Fairford, Lechlade and surrounding areas to become Navy Cadets 8-11 years of age or Marine Cadets 12-18 years of age.

Some of the activities that cadets can enjoy are: Field Gun training; Canoeing; Target shooting; Expedition training; Semaphore skills; Drill and Ceremonial; First Aid; Cooks & Stewards training; compass work & map reading; weekend camping activities; Duke of Edinburgh Awards; sailing at Bowmoor in the Unit's very own Pico dinghy and swimming.

TS Raleigh meets every Tuesday (even in the school holidays) from 7pm till 9pm at Fairford Fire Station. If anyone is interested in joining, please contact 01285 712150 or email

[chris@cotswoldwireless.co.uk](mailto:chris@cotswoldwireless.co.uk).

## Fairford Community Centre

---

### **Thank you for a very special Christmas Day at the Centre.**

We would like to offer a big thank you to all of those who were involved in helping with the Christmas lunch here at the Centre on Christmas day. Hosting over 44 people, this year's event was even bigger and better than last year. We would also like to give special thanks to everyone in the community who donated food and other items.

We know that a lot of hard work and time went into organising this event and that it was a thoroughly enjoyable day for everyone who took part. It was great to see the Centre being used to bring the community of Fairford together at such an important time of year.

If you would like to know more about the Community Centre or would like to see what activities are on offer, then please visit our website: [www.fairfordcommunitycentre.org](http://www.fairfordcommunitycentre.org) or contact the FCC office on:

01285 711571 / [bookings@fccentre.co.uk](mailto:bookings@fccentre.co.uk)

# Fairford Library - 01285 712599

**Mondays: TODDLER TIME:** in term time 10.00am – 10.30am in Fairford Library. Too old for Baby Bounce and Rhyme time? Have fun with songs, rhymes and stories. For pre-school children aged approximately 2 years – school age and their grown ups.

**Tuesdays: STAY and PLAY @ The Children’s Centre in Fairford Library:** every Tuesday in term time 1.30pm – 3.00pm. Free event. Messy play, arts and crafts, singing and music group for toddlers, pre-school children parents and carers to come and play together.

**Wednesdays: BABY BOUNCE AND RHYME TIME:** 10.30am – 11.00am in Fairford Library. Sing along, wiggle and jiggle, for babies up to 2 years and their grown ups.

\*\*\*\*\*

**EVENTS AT THE LIBRARY**

\*\*\*\*\*

**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> February**

11.00 am Talk by Roger West, local entrepreneur and inventor.

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> February**

2.30am – 3.30pm Children`s Half Term Event – Story Time with Charlotte Paddock of the Dogs` Trust. Free Event.

**Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> March**

10.00am - 11.00am Fairford Library is 25 years old! - Family Event Day - ***Life in the Rainforest***. Stay and celebrate with us and enjoy coffee, tea and nibbles.

**Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> March**

2.00pm – 3.00pm Chloe the Midnight Story Teller - Stories and Mystery for Children aged 7-11.

4.00pm – 5.00pm Afternoon Tea with tales for grown-ups.

\*\*\*\*\*

It is free to join the library – not only do we have books, we also have Adult Spoken Word and DVDs; newspapers; bus timetables, local information and maps and a photocopier! We have WiFi and can help with using Tablets and other digital devices. [www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/libraries](http://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/libraries)

## Fairford History Society

---

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> February at 10.00am - Along the River Coln: an illustrated talk by Edwin Cuss.

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm - Tudor Medicine by Cherry Hubbard.

At Fairford Community Centre, new members and visitors (£3) are welcome. For further information contact Alison on 01285 711768 or [enquiry@fairfordhistory.org.uk](mailto:enquiry@fairfordhistory.org.uk) or visit [www.fairfordhistory.org.uk](http://www.fairfordhistory.org.uk)

## Focus on Fairford - photographic competition

---

Did you manage to take some good photographs in Fairford over the Christmas period? Perhaps some great snaps of the Christmas market with happy, smiling children; street entertainers; Santa's grotto and the school choirs singing in the Market Place? Or maybe your photographic skills enabled you to photograph the beauty of the Christmas lights around the town?

There are numerous opportunities and beautiful places in Fairford to photograph to capture the essence of this popular Cotswold Market Town. So, why not take a photo and send it in to **FocusOnFairford@outlook.com** before midnight on **31<sup>st</sup> March 2016** to be in with a chance to win.

The three categories to enter are Adult; Secondary School age children and Primary School age children. Thanks to sponsorship from Business West, a prize of £50 will be awarded to the winning adult and £25 each for the winning school children.

### Terms & Conditions

- You can submit up to five digital images (maximum of 1MB per image) taken within the timescale of the competition i.e. **1<sup>st</sup> December 2015 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2016**.
- The images should, in your opinion, best reflect the beauty and uniqueness of Fairford and can be anything from a local event to a fantastic view across a landscape, or a dry stone wall, historic building, ancient woodland or a beautiful river scene.
- Each image should include your name, address, telephone number, email address and, in the case of the children categories, your school year and date of birth.
- Each image should also include the date the photograph was taken and should have a title saying where it was taken.
- Entries should be emailed to: [FocusOnFairford@outlook.com](mailto:FocusOnFairford@outlook.com) by midnight on **31<sup>st</sup> March 2016**. Images received after that date will not be accepted.
- Images of places other than Fairford will not be accepted.
- By entering this competition, you agree to the Fairford Tourism Group using your images in all future media publicity.
- The judges' decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into.

## Dial a Ride timetable – February/March

*Cirencester: Thursdays departing Fairford 08.30am (1) & 08.45 (2)  
returning 11.15am & 11.45 cost 3.80*

<b>February 2016</b>	<b>Destination</b>	<b>Depart Fairford</b>	<b>Return PM</b>	<b>Fare</b>
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Swindon Orbital	10.00	2.00	5.90
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Fairford Market - Villages	09.00	11.15	Variable
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Carterton Market (Replaces Cirencester 1)	08.30	12.00	5.30
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Witney	09.00	1.00	7.20
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Witney (Limited Seats)	09.00	1.00	7.20
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Fairford Market - Villages	09.00	11.15	Variable
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Central Swindon	08.30	12.15	5.90
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Cheltenham	08.30	1.00	8.60
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Lechlade Garden Centre	09.00	12.30	3.70
<b>March 2016</b>	<b>Destination</b>	<b>Depart Fairford</b>	<b>Return PM</b>	<b>Fare</b>
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup>	Swindon Orbital	10.00	2.00	5.90
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Fairford Market- Villages	09.00	11.15	Variable
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Central Swindon (Limited Seats)	08.30	Flexible	5.90
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Carterton Market (Replaces Cirencester 1)	08.30	12.00	5.30
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Witney	08.30	1.00	7.20
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Fairford Market - Villages	09.00	11.15	Variable
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Cheltenham	08.30	1.00	8.60
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Dobbies Garden Centre	09.00	12.30	3.80
	Easter period 25-28 March			
Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup>	Central Swindon	08.30	12.15	5.90

**All Departure Times are from Fairford Fire Station.** To book seats please ring 01285 713852 or pop into the office in the Community Centre Mon-Fri 0800-1200