



# FAIRFORD TOWN COUNCIL

APRIL 2016

## Mayor's Introduction



Cllr Jennie  
Sanford  
Fairford Town  
Mayor  
Tel 713671

In February we welcomed our American visitor Sarah Schantz, the granddaughter of Wally Glavor. He was stationed at 186th General Hospital Fairford 1944-45. The Fairford History Society held a luncheon event and presented her with a booklet containing photographs and information compiled by Edwin Cuss, a baseball cap that her grandfather left behind and a print of Fairford.

The Council would welcome nominations for Citizen of the Year. The award is designed to recognise an outstanding contribution to the town by a Fairford individual. Nominations for paid work will not be considered. Nominations are also welcome for the newly created Albert Alder Award. The award is designed to recognise contributions to the local environment from young people (aged up to 19). All nominations should be made in writing to the Council and can be emailed to the Clerk. Nominations should be submitted by Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2016.

The Annual Meeting of the Town will take place at 7.00p.m. on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May at the Community Centre.

Residents in Leafield Road have been issued with '20's Plenty' stickers in a bid to slow motorists down. Let's make it a safer journey for our children to walk to school by driving more slowly. Additional stickers are available from the Council office.

I would like to offer my very sincere thanks to Barry Fenby for all his hard work whilst on the Council and as part of the Neighbourhood Development Plan. Barry's resignation leaves a vacancy on the Council. There's more information inside the newsletter.

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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 12<sup>th</sup> April** and **Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> May** at 7pm in the Barker Room, Fairford Community Centre. The Annual Meeting of the Town is on **Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May** at 7.00pm in the Farmor Room, Community Centre.

## Council News

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### Grants awarded

The Council has awarded grants of up to £500 to the following local organisations:

Fairford Rainbows, Fairford Brownies, Fairford Youth Rugby Club, Fairford Youth Football Club, Fairford Youth Club, Tiny Tots Toddler Group, Messy Space, Messy Church, TS Raleigh, Fairford Festival, Cotswold Volunteers, CAB, and U3A.

### Councillor Vacancy

Due to the resignation of Barry Fenby, a vacancy has arisen for a Councillor. The vacancy will be filled by election if a request from 10 electors for Fairford South ward is received by 1<sup>st</sup> April 2016. Requests should include the elector's name, address and signature and should be sent to: Nigel Adams, Returning Officer, Council Offices, Trinity Road, Cirencester, GL7 1PX.

If you are interested in becoming a Town Councillor, please do get in touch with the office for more information. We would love to hear from you. 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).

## Community Update

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### **New equipment in the Walnut Tree Field**

New play equipment including a trampoline, see-saw and new swings are being installed in the Walnut Tree Field. Four more items of adult exercise equipment are also being installed.

### **Party time!**

To celebrate the Queen's 90th Birthday, the Council, with the help of Fairford publicans, are holding a **Picnic in the Park** on Sunday 12th June, 12noon - 6.00pm. Please bring your own picnic! There will be a bar serving ale, lager, cider and soft drinks, plus a Pimms bar and Gin bar, children's entertainment and a Silver Band. All profits from the bar will be donated to charity. More details will follow.

### **French Market**

The French Market is making a welcome return on Sunday 19th June. Look out for delicious food and drink and delightful crafts.

## 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, 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 visit our web site [www.thepalmerhall.org](http://www.thepalmerhall.org)

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

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> March - Suffragette**

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> April – The Lady in the Van**

For more information about the Palmer Hall please contact Louise Hatch on [l.hatch@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:l.hatch@hotmail.co.uk)

## Fairford & District Choral Society

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Fairford and District Choral Society perform

**Handel's Messiah**

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2016**

**St Mary's Church, Fairford at 7.30 pm**

This ever popular choral work, accompanied by the Corelli Ensemble, is the first concert with the choir's new conductor Marysia Gorska and is sure to be popular. Booking opens 1<sup>st</sup> April.

Tickets £15 (under 18's £5) from Blenheim Antiques 01285 712094 or visit [www.fairford.org/choralsociety](http://www.fairford.org/choralsociety).

## News from RAF Fairford

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RAF Fairford has recently welcomed Mr. Frank Dailey as the new civilian Site Director on base. Frank and his family arrived in July 2015, just a couple of days before the Royal International Air Tattoo, and consequently learnt a lot about the base in a short time!

Born in Ohio, Frank has enjoyed a successful military career and is a retired Lieutenant Colonel who received his Air Force Commission through the Academy of Military Science. His military service includes assignments in the US Air Force and the Air National Guard.



As civilian Site Director, Frank leads the 420th Air Base Squadron and is responsible for the day-to-day running of the base and all civilian personnel. RAF Fairford is maintained in a ready status by a civilian workforce, who are responsible for all daily tasks and contingency preparations. The main mission of the base is to be ready to receive a deployment of aircraft and personnel within 48 hours' notice, both for real-world scenarios and for training.

Frank is accompanied by his wife, Lisa and 16 year old son, Levi. He also has a 24 year old daughter, Jessica, who is still living in Ohio with her two sons. The family has received a warm welcome from many in the local community and has found the local area to be very beautiful and extremely friendly.

## A Date for your Diary

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The Annual Meeting of the Town will take place **Thursday 26th May** at 7.00pm in the Farmor Room, Fairford Community Centre. Do come along. It is an opportunity for you to hear from the Council and more importantly for you to ask questions. Also, the awards for Citizen of the Year and the Albert Alder Award will be presented, and the winners of the Focus on Fairford photography competition announced. The Neighbourhood Development Plan team will be there to give a progress report. It's sure to be an interesting and informative night, with a splash of celebration thrown in too!

# Fairford Library - 01285 712599

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## **Opening Hours:**

Monday & Wednesday 9.30am - 5.00pm, Thursday 9.30am - 7.00pm,  
Saturday 9.30am - 1.00pm

## **Forthcoming Events:**

**Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> March** 2.00pm – 3.00pm Children's Event  
**Life in the Rainforest** – meet real animals and insects in the Library.  
Ages 5-11 only. Free event, spaces are limited so booking is essential,  
contact the Library on 01285 712599.

**Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> March** Chloe the Midnight Storyteller  
**2.00pm Dragon Tales** adventure stories for ages 6-12 with Agent  
Green the Dragon Whisperer. All children must be accompanied.  
**4.00pm Afternoon Tea & Tales** for adults and teens (not designed  
for children). Free cuppa + biscuits served at 3.45pm. Spooky, funny  
& romantic folktales.

**\*\* NEW \*\* Free Wi-Fi service** now available in the Library allowing  
all to use laptops, tablets and other mobile devices. Download the  
**Library App** and manage your account online.

**Toddler Time:** every Monday 10.00am – 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 –  
11.00am; sing along, wiggle and jiggle. For babies up to 2 years and  
their grown ups

**Free computer instruction:** Would you like to learn how to use a  
computer or to improve your skills or do you need help with your  
Wi-Fi tablet to access the internet/email? We offer free basic tuition  
with our 'computer buddy' volunteer. Contact us to book an appoint-  
ment.

We have a wide selection of books, Audio Books, DVDs and  
information plus a wonderful children's library.

## Community First Responders

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Community First Responders (CFR) are volunteers who support their local community by attending emergency calls ahead of an Ambulance. CFRs are trained to attend medical emergencies where it might be essential for the patient to receive immediate life-saving care. No previous medical training is needed to become a CFR.

CFRs are an integral part of the local Ambulance Service. Before appointment and issue of equipment, volunteers will be expected to have completed an enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service check and will receive training, including a day "on-shift" with a crew.

The next course is being arranged for 11<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup> June with applications having to be made in April, interviews 24<sup>th</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup> May and an aim that those attending the course will "go live" in August.

The local group, which covers an area from Lechlade through Fairford to Kempsford, meets monthly. Local CFRs are encouraged to attend these as part of their continuation training.

Interested? Then find out more from either:

Stephen Andrews at [andrews@btinternet.com](mailto:andrews@btinternet.com) or call 07795-915902;  
or:

David Chapman at [davidcchapman999@gmail.com](mailto:davidcchapman999@gmail.com) or call 01367-850454

## Fairford History Society

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**21<sup>st</sup> April 2016** - The Bells of St Mary's: a talk by Peter Harris, Tower Captain. The history of bell-ringing with practical illustrations from the bell-ringers in St Mary's Church at 7.30 pm

**19<sup>th</sup> May 2016** - The young Laurie Lee and his family by Howard Beard at Fairford Community Centre at 7-30 pm.

Both meetings: visitors: £3. Enquiries to Alison on 01285 711768 or email: [enquiry@fairfordhistory.org.uk](mailto:enquiry@fairfordhistory.org.uk). New members welcome.

## TS Raleigh set to enjoy educational events

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Thanks to generous funding from the Cotswold District Council Youth Activities Fund; Fairford Town Council, Quenington Sculpture and the Royal Air Force Charitable Trust Enterprises, both the Navy and Marine Cadets at TS Raleigh can enjoy more educational training, trips and experiences.

The funding will be used to cover the cost of:

- Much needed equipment such as life-jackets and helmets for safer sailing on the water;
- Hi-vis jackets to help with community events;
- Airsoft training rifles for target shooting;
- Transport to attend a multi-training weekend at TS Broadsword in London on 15<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> April;
- Transport to attend the St George's Day Parade on 23<sup>rd</sup> April in Bristol;
- The Waterland weekend on 8<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> July at the Outdoor Pursuits Centre at South Cerney for cadets from all over the region taking part in kayaking, sailing, raft-building and camping.

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

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).

Chris Roberts

## Focus on Fairford photo competition

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The closing date for receipt of entries into the Focus on Fairford photo competition is midnight on Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> March and judging will take place shortly afterwards. The independent judges are: Ian Mean of Business West; Peter Paredes of Paredes Photography and Cllr Jennie Sanford, Fairford Town Mayor.

The winners will be announced and prizes awarded at the Fairford Annual Town Meeting at 7pm on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May in Fairford Community Centre. Photographs will also be on display in the Community Centre.

Thanks to sponsorship from Business West, there are three prizes:

- Adult - £50
- Secondary School age children - £25
- Primary School age children - £25

Cllr Chris Roberts – 01285 712150  
Chair, Tourism Group



## Neighbourhood Development Plan

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We would like to thank all Fairford residents who completed the Fairford Neighbourhood Plan Questionnaire. We have received 645 responses - which is fantastic, thank you!

You can view the analysis of the FNP Questionnaire results on the FNP website at [www.fairfordneighbourhoodplan.org.uk](http://www.fairfordneighbourhoodplan.org.uk). These are now being collated and analysed and a summary of the findings will be published shortly.

Congratulations to Kate Henwood, who won the prize draw!

## Fairford & Lechlade Business Club

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The ninth annual Business Awards Presentation & Dinner was held at The Crown of Crucis Hotel at the end of January with an unprecedented number of entries from around the area. The outright winners of the Awards were from Cirencester, Fairford, Faringdon and Lechlade with Fairford business, New Wave Seafood, taking the top award of Business of the Year plus their director, Tim Boyd, walking away with a runner up award for Business Person of the Year. Another popular winner was Mike Tanner, who received the Howard Dowler Award for his tireless voluntary work as President of Fairford Town Football Club.

Fairford featured prominently in the runners up awards too with Bulldog Websites picking up the runner up award for New Business of the Year; Chris Tanner of Fairford Town Football Club receiving the Business Person of the Year runner up award along with Tim Boyd, and Chloros Environmental, who have only recently located to Fairford, winning runner up for Business of the Year.

The next meeting of Fairford & Lechlade Business Club is the AGM being held on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> April at 7.30pm at Thyme (at Southrop). Our guest speaker is Cotswold MP, Geoffrey Clifton-Brown. In May, our members will be enjoying networking at the Woodland Barn at the Lakes by yoo, which was designed by Kate Moss and featured as one of the venues for the X-Factor "judges' houses". New members are welcome. Please contact Chris Roberts on 01285 712150 or email [admin@flbc.org.uk](mailto:admin@flbc.org.uk). To find out more about the Club, please visit [www.flbc.org.uk](http://www.flbc.org.uk).

Chris Roberts

## Volunteers needed!

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Fairford is very lucky that people who live here take enormous pride in their town and its appearance. Many of you already pick up litter in the town, along the river and in the Walnut Tree Field, and we thank you for it. However, the Council is looking for volunteers who would be prepared to carry out a regular litter pick in the Walnut Tree Field, and the town Car Park. Bags and pickers would be provided. If you can spare some time on a weekly basis, please do get in touch.

## Fairford Preservation Trust

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50th Annual General Meeting **Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2016, 7.15pm**

at Fairford Community Centre, Farmor Room.

Merger of the FAIRFORD PRESERVATION TRUST, FAIRFORD PLANNING WATCH and FAIRFORD ENVIRONMENTAL SOCIETY into FAIRFORD COMMUNITY VOICE.

After the business meeting there will be a talk:

### **WILD about FAIRFORD by Jenny Phelps from WILD and Andrew Western, Thames Water**

WILD is a partnership of four organisations working together to bring about environmental improvements to the rivers and other watercourses of the Cotswold Water Park/Upper Thames Catchment Area and is working closely with FPT and Thames Water to identify potential improvements in Fairford's drainage and sewage systems. Coffee will be served from 6.45pm

Enquiries: Alison 711768 or [info@fairfordpreservationtrust.org.uk](mailto:info@fairfordpreservationtrust.org.uk)

## Fairford in Bloom

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Fairford Town Council is asking businesses and residents in the Market Place and High Street to help towards brightening up the town centre by having a few more floral displays outside their premises.

Each year, the Bull Hotel has some lovely plants outside the hotel; the Plough Inn looks glorious in the summer months with an abundance of colourful flower tubs, baskets and window boxes and the Town Council itself provides some floral displays in the large planters dotted around the Market Place. It would be great if our town centre could be even more blooming marvellous this year with more floral attractions such as a few more window boxes or planted tubs or some hanging baskets.

If you can help with this initiative, the Town Council will award the owner of the best display with a £100 voucher to be used at Lechlade Garden Centre. The displays will be judged at the end of August 2016 and the business or home with the best display – in the opinion of an independent judge – will win the voucher. To find out more, please contact the Town Council on 01285 712344.

## Dial a Ride News

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After all the rain between December and February, we are now seeing an improvement in the weather which is leading to the Dial a Ride/Community bus service being well used and suggestions for destinations in abundance being taken on.

However, due to *driver shortage*, we cannot expand our destination list very much, which leads me to appeal..... "*please if you can spare a few hours a month, or every other month, to drive one of the vehicles (full training and support given), we would very much like to hear from you*".

That said, we are able to offer our regular routes and will also be visiting the following places in the coming weeks:

Milletts Farm on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> April.

Cheltenham on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> April.

Plus our regular trips every Thursday to Cirencester and various garden centres last Friday of the month.

At these times of driver shortage, Clive is our 'stand-in' to ensure the service needs are met but this means the office is closed. When this happens, we will try to place a notice on the outside board or at the bottom of the staircase to save unnecessary trips upstairs to the office.

Lastly a big **Thank You** to all who support the service, drivers, escorts and passengers alike and, if you would like to book a seat or become a volunteer driver, please do call Clive on 713852.

## Vacancy on the Town Council

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You could be a Town Councillor! You'll find more information inside this Newsletter, or get in touch with the Clerks, or speak to one of your Councillors. Here is a list of some of the things you could get involved with:

- Deciding how to allocate grant money to local organisations.
- Commenting on and influencing planning decisions.
- Helping to decide how the precept is spent.
- Influencing the future of Fairford.
- Putting on community events such as the Festive Market; putting up the Christmas lights; the Flag Festival.

Do think about putting your name forward.