



FAIRFORD TOWN COUNCIL

AUGUST 2016

Mayor's Introduction



Cllr Jennie
Sanford
Fairford Town
Mayor
Tel 713671

I would like to congratulate Mark Dudley as our new Deputy Mayor. He was appointed at full Council in June. I would also like to welcome Jon Hill our new Councillor who was appointed in March. I was also re-elected Mayor for a further year. I will continue to serve to the best of my ability. I would like to welcome back Steve Boulton who has made a remarkable recovery after his recent accident.

Fairford Town Council still needs one Councillor, due to the resignation of Rob Rao. If anyone is interested, please contact either Vanessa or Roz at the Council office.

The Queen's birthday was celebrated with a Party in the Park. The day started off with rain but brightened up after lunch. The day was enjoyed by all who attended. The proceeds made from this event are going to The Royal British Legion.

The winners of the 'Citizen Award' were Amanda and Mervyn Cully. The winner of the Albert Alder award was Jasmin Beach. The Geoff Chick award was given to two students from Farmor's school: Freya Mizon and Jilly Smith.

The 'Focus on Fairford' photographic competition was won by:-

Primary school - Bertie Campbell

Secondary school - Jordan Ashford

Adult - Mr Gordon Hart.

Fairford Primary School has officially opened their 'Woodland Log Cabin' and woodland play area. Mrs Julie Fellows, Head Teacher, thanked the local community for supporting and donating time and money to this project.

Best wishes

Jennie Sanford

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COUNCIL NEWS

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

Tel: 01285 713326/712344 Email: clerks@fairford-tc.co.uk

Website: www.fairfordtowncouncil.gov.uk

Town Council Meetings

The next two Full Town Council Meetings will be on **Tuesday 9th August** and **Tuesday 13th September** at 7pm in the Barker Room, Fairford Community Centre.

Council News

Councillor vacancy

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 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. 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.

Do get in touch with us, 01285 712344.

Work will shortly begin on resurfacing Lovers Lane and the creation of a new footpath over the green on St Mary's Drive. The paths will enhance the surface to better enable walkers, buggies, wheelchair and mobility scooter users to use the path easily. The surface will be fully permeable and the construction and finish sympathetic to the countryside environment.

Lovers Lane will remain open during the works as far as is practicable, and we apologise for any inconvenience caused by these works.

Office Space to rent

1st floor office is available to rent in the Community Centre.

£291pcm incl. service charge.

Would suit a small business.

For more information, contact the Clerks on 712344

Job Vacancy

Are you proud of Fairford and want to keep your town looking at its most glorious? Are you hardworking, self-motivated, reliable and have excellent people skills? If so, we want to hear from you.

Fairford Town Council is looking to recruit a Grounds Maintenance person. Based in Fairford, you would be responsible for the flower tubs, the Council yard, litter collection in the Walnut Tree Field, pruning hedges, maintaining footpaths, digging cremation plots, maintenance of the Burial Ground, carrying out repairs and decorating, setting up Council events, weekly inspections of the playground equipment, and any other jobs required by the Town Council.

A full job description is available online, www.fairfordtowncouncil.gov.uk.

Hours: 20 hours per week (flexible across the year). Some evening and weekend work is required.

Rate of pay: £10 per hour

Applications via email should be sent to clerks@fairford-tc.co.uk. Deadline for applications is **Friday 19th August 2016**. The Council would consider a permanent employee or self-employed contractor for this post.

Fairford Town Council is firmly committed to tackling discrimination and promoting equality of opportunity and good community relations.

Palmer Hall

Secretary: Louise Hatch - Tel: (01285) 711657

Bookings

Bookings Clerk: Steve Crowley - Tel: (01285) 712189

Come and support your local hall available for birthday parties, weddings and musical functions with a fully licensed bar.

Visit our website for more details and for bookings please contact the numbers above.

www.thepalmerhall.org.

Fairford Community Centre

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

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 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

Email: bookings@fccentre.co.uk

Fairford Library Special offer!!

SCHOOL HOLIDAY SUMMER SPECIAL OFFER

It's a Hire One Get One Free offer on all DVD's
Don't Miss It!

FAIRFORD & DISTRICT CHORAL SOCIETY

Autumn Programme

Conductor Marysia Gorska's first concert with the choir was a great success in May! Rehearsals resume on 7th September 7.30 – 9.30pm in the URC chapel for Dvorak's Mass in D and Morten Lauridsen's Lux Aeterna to be performed on December 4th.

New singers always welcome! For full details, visit www.fairford.org/choralsociety

A new bus route coming to Fairford from mid August!



Do you need help with transport to go shopping?

Concessionary Bus Passes Accepted!

A bus service that picks you up from your home and takes you into Cirencester every Thursday!

Covering the following areas:

Lechlade, Fairford, Kempsford, Quenington, Hatherop, Coln St Aldwyns, Sunhill, Whelford, Meysey Hampton, Poulton, Ampney St Mary, Ampney Crucis, Ampney St Peter

To book or to find out more call

0845 680 5029

info@communityconnexions.org.uk
www.communityconnexions.org.uk

Community Connexions operate throughout Cheltenham, Cotswolds District, Gloucester, Stroud District & Tewkesbury Borough

Registered Offices: Sandford Park Offices, College Road, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire GL53 7HX
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Neighbourhood Development Plan

Following the results of the Fairford residents' questionnaire and meetings with local businesses, clubs, organisations and regional bodies, the FNP Steering Group has now identified professional consultants to assist in taking the Fairford Neighbourhood Plan forward to the next stage. The consultants are working with the Steering Group to develop draft plan policies to be included in the FNP. These policies, which include recommendations regarding housing and infrastructure development, will then be made available for consultation and comment through the FNP website, as electronic and hard copy and through public presentations and open meetings. The timing of the consultation release and meetings, are planned for September and will be finalised and widely publicised within the next month.

News from Hilary Cottage PPG

Have you noticed how busy life has become? How many times in a day we say to ourselves "I need to find time to...?" or even "How am I going to find time to...?" In this 24/7 world in which we live, time is increasingly precious. More and more, we are turning to the internet to buy goods and services. Yet when it comes to our own healthcare, do we really make the best use of the internet to access all that is available locally, as well as from the NHS nationally?

Almost all surgeries now offer a range of on-line services to support their patients. The first step usually requires a visit to the practice, to present photo ID, complete and sign an on-line access form. You will be given a Username and a Password. This is vital, to set up your own confidential access. Once in place, then you can make use of a wide range of services. Here is a small sample of the services which are available from most practices, signposted from the practice web site 'Home page'

Book a routine appointment with a named GP. Most surgeries release 'unallocated' appointment times at the end of each day, which makes the evenings a really good time to go on-line to book an appointment.

Order a repeat prescription for yourself, so the only journey you need to make is the one to pick up the items you have ordered.

Get a same-day response to a medical concern. Most local surgeries have taken up the government initiative 'AskmyGP'. This is a new non-emergency service. Simply leave details of your concern before 12 noon and a GP will respond on the same day and within working hours.

Have same-day support when you are stressed, anxious or depressed, through 'Let's Talk'. Most surgeries provide a link to this new service from the NHS. It offers information, guidance and therapy during times when you are feeling stressed, anxious or depressed. This can be on-line, by visiting www.talk2gether.nhs.uk or by phone Monday - Friday, if you call 0800 073 2200 between 8.30am - 5.30pm.

So, are you making the most of on-line access via your phone, tablet or computer? Whether you are 18 or 80, these services are there to help us when we need it.

Why not take the first step by heading down to your local surgery to register for your own confidential on-line access?

This is a community information sheet provided by the Patient Participation Group at hilarycottageppg@gmail.com.

SUMMER READING CHALLENGE 2016

THE BIG Friendly READ

Programme of Events - Fairford Library

Thursday 28th July, 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th August **Story Time and Songs**
10.00am - 10.30am. For 4+yrs Free drop-in event.

Thursday 28th July, 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th August **Roald Dahl Story Time**
11.15am-11.45am. Free drop-in event.

Thursday 11th August **The Secret Adventures of Rolo** 2.30pm.
With author Debi Evans. Free event, all ages.

Thursday 18th August **Dog`s Trust with Charlotte Paddock**
1.30pm. Free event, all ages.

Monday 15th August **Life in the Rainforest**. 2.00pm. Bookable event.

Wednesday 24th August and Wednesday 31st August **Junior Sewing Bee**. 2.00pm. Ages 7-11. Bookable event.

Ask at your library for more details or call 01285 712599.

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SUMMER
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**The League of Friends of Fairford Hospital
(Reg. Charity No: 1006416)**

President, Earl St Aldwyn

ACTIVE IN THE LOCAL COMMUNITY

Serving Fairford, Lechlade and the surrounding villages.

**ITALIAN EVENING at L'ARTIGIANO RISTORANTE
Lechlade on MONDAY 12TH SEPTEMBER 7.30p.m.**

A two course Italian meal, at £15.00 per person, (excluding drinks), with over 45% being donated to The League. This will include an Italian Antipasti starter and a main course from a choice of Beef & Sausage Ragu, Creamy Garlic Seafood, Margarita Pizza and a vegetarian option of Roasted Vegetables with Goats Cheese. (Gluten Free Bread, Pasta and Pizza are available if requested beforehand).

Entries by ticket only for a maximum of 70 people so purchase your tickets early to avoid disappointment.

Tickets and further information can be purchased from:

- Graham Hewitt 01285 851022
- Iain Manchee 07769204134
- Ruth Berridge 01367 252706

If you need further information, please contact Christine Barker on: 07767 408409 or email:fairford.lof@hotmail.co.uk.

You are invited...



St Mary's Church Kempsford

**...to come along to the Parish of
Kempsford and Whelford**

'Welcome to the Villages'

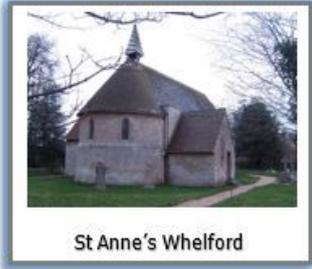
afternoon

Date: 11th September 2016

Time: 3.00pm- 4.30pm

Place: St Mary's Church Kempsford

☆ Find out lots of information about Kempford, Whelford and nearby villages



St Anne's Whelford

☆ Enjoy a welcome drink



Hash 407 outside The George

☆ Solve the clues in our Family Quiz



Fishing at Whelford Pools