



FAIRFORD TOWN COUNCIL

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Mayor's Introduction



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The Pre-submission Fairford Neighbourhood Plan (FNP) has now gone out for consultation; comments are welcome before 19th December 2016. I would like to thank the members of the steering group for their time in gathering information and producing this document. They are Malcolm Cutler, Richard Harrison, Margaret Bishop, Sarah Basley, Caroline Symcox, Suzanne Jones and to Roz Capps for editing and distributing the plan.

The Fairford in Bloom winner was Maxine Hastings from the Coffee Post. Well done Maxine you have made that corner of the Market Place very attractive and welcoming.

Lloyds Bank has now closed its doors for the last time. I would like to thank Cllr Chris Roberts and David Taylor for all their efforts to keep the bank open. Despite all our efforts, it was clear from the start that Lloyds had made up their minds to close the bank.

Boots the Chemist, Fairford, has won the Boots South Division Store Of The Year. 'We are thoroughly delighted that the Store has been recognised at such a high level and I hope the Town and our patients will share that feeling' said Pete Arthur, Boots Area Manager.

Fairford Festive market will take place on Friday 2nd December at 6.30pm. I hope you will all come along and enjoy the evening. I would like to thank all the volunteers who have made the Town look beautiful again this year with the Christmas Trees and lights. They are Syd Flatman, Rob Preston, Colin Moulden, the clerks Vanessa and Roz, Norman Brown and the Councillors.

I would like to take this opportunity in wishing you all a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year.

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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 13th December** and **Tuesday 10th January 2017** at 7.00pm in the Barker Room, Fairford Community Centre.

The Council's Facebook page



You can find us at

<https://www.facebook.com/Fairford-TownCouncil915062848536057/>

Simply "like" our page to find out more.

Keep up to date with Council news

Do you want to be kept up to date with Council news, events and activities? We can send you ad hoc emails with information that may be of interest you: Information on planning, town events, road works etc. **All we need is your email address.**

Your address will be kept confidential and not passed on to any other parties. If you would like to be included in the distribution of these emails, please email us on: clerks@fairford-tc.co.uk with the subject line "Fairford info please".

Office Opening Hours over Christmas & New Year

The office will be open until 2.30pm on Thursday 22nd December. We will then reopen at 9.00am on Tuesday 3rd January.

In case of an emergency please call CDC on 0151 343 2942.

Emails to the Town Council will be monitored throughout the Christmas period.

Council News

Lloyds Bank - By the time you read this, the Fairford branch of Lloyds Bank in the Market Place will be closed. The Town Council did everything they could to try to keep the bank open in its current form or, failing that, negotiate with the bank for a part time banking service in smaller premises and/or retention of the ATM cash machine. All our requests were met with an unequivocal "No". Despite several emails, letters, telephone calls and meetings with prominent people at Lloyds, the bank personnel refused to consult, hold a public meeting or change their minds.

There are questions still to be answered about whether or not the bank adhered fully with the Banking Protocol but, even if it is found they did not, Fairford has sadly lost its bank. One more avenue for the Town Council to explore now is inviting another bank to move to Fairford to replace Lloyds and provide a full service for both personal and business customers to meet the needs of our growing population.

We will keep you informed about progress. In the meantime, personal banking customers can use the Post Office for a lot of banking services and there is a 24/7 ATM at the Thornhill Garage plus the ability to obtain cash at limited times from Londis, the Co-Op and the Post Office. Cllr Chris Roberts.

Community Speed Watch - Following the public meeting held at the end of September to recruit volunteers from Fairford and surrounding villages to take part in a Community Speed Watch (CSW) team, I am pleased to say that 13 people from Fairford, Quenington, Coln St Aldwyns and Honeycombe Leaze volunteered to undertake training in the use of the speed monitoring device (speed gun) in November. And a further 10 people from Fairford, Poulton and Southrop are already trained and wish to be included in the Fairford area CSW team.

The police have confirmed that we can pool resources with regard to volunteers, so each volunteer is committed to maybe only one period (about two hours) of Speed Watch duty each month.

If you would like to volunteer to be trained to join the Community Speed Watch team to help make your town or village a safer place and reduce speeding traffic, please contact me or the Town Council Office for more information. Cllr Chris Roberts.

Dog Fouling - We would like to thank the resident who reported a dog fouling incident. We are pleased to report that the dog warden has visited the dog owner in question and issued a warning. We urge any one who witnesses people allowing their dogs to foul to report it to the Town Council or to the dog warden on 01285 623000.



Community Update



★ Thank you to everyone who helped to put up the Christmas lights and the Christmas tree. Particular thanks must go to Gareth Hopkins, who gave up his time to wire in the lights along the High Street and London Road, and also to Adrian Griffiths who braved the weather conditions to help Cllr Boulton put the magnificent star on the tower. Fairford is far more twinkly because of you all!

★ And once again, we would like to thank the Ernest Cook Trust for donating the magnificent tree in the Market Place and to Peter Nicholls who gave up his time to put the tree up.



Neighbourhood Development Plan

The Pre-submission Fairford Neighbourhood Plan 2016 – 2031 is open for public consultation. We would welcome your views on the Plan. If you have any comments to make, please do so by **19th December 2016**. You can either email the Council on clerks@fairford-tc.co.uk, or write to us at Fairford Town Council, Community Centre, High Street, Fairford, GL7 4AF. Hard copies are available on request, and have also been lodged at Fairford Library, Hilary Cottage Surgery, 7a Coffee Shop and The Post Office. Further supporting documentation can be found on the Council website.

An appeal from Fairford Swan Aid

On Friday 21st October a swan was attacked by a dog at 'Fairford beach' on the River Coln. It was a young adult in full health. Sadly, the shock and water intake was too much for it. This swan should not have died. **Fairford Swan Aid respectfully asks all dog owners to have full control of their dogs at all times** when out walking in the countryside, especially by the River Coln. This river is not deep and does not afford swans and other wildlife that live on it much protection. In the spring, ducklings and cygnets cannot fly and so are vulnerable to dog attack. In the summer, swans have a 6 week moult period when they cannot fly. In winter, there is no water weed for the swans so they will graze in the fields near the river.

So we urge dog owners to be vigilant all year round. Thank you. Suzanne Jones, Fairford Swan Aid. 01285 712003'

**St. Mary's Church, Fairford
Christmas Fair on
Saturday 3rd December
10.00am to 12noon in the
Community Centre**

**Free Entry. Raffle, Tombola,
Cakes and Delicatessen,
Toys, Bric-a-brac,
Christmas Gifts etc
Further information from
the Parish Office 01285
712611. Email:
fairfordpcc@btconnect.com**

Fairford Primary School PTA
proudly presents an evening of

"Bingo and Bangers"



Saturday 10th December
Doors Open at 7:00pm
"Eyes Down" at 7:30pm

At the Palmer Hall,

Fairford

£10 per ticket



Includes Bangers & Mash and 5 games of Bingo and a Raffle Ticket.

Cash bar available.

Tickets available from Fairford Primary School office, 7a Coffee Shop & Fairford Community Centre.

Thank you for your support.

Fairford & District Choral Society

CHORAL CONCERT, Sunday 4th December 7.30 pm

St Mary's Church, Fairford.

The choir will perform two contrasting choral works – Dvorak's *Mass in D* and *Lux Aeterna* by Morten Lauridsen. This will be the choir's second concert under conductor Marysia Gorska, after the very successful performance of Messiah in May. Tickets : £12 (under 18's £5) from Blenheim Antiques. Or visit: www.fairford.org/choralsociety.

Christmas and New Year Waste collection

Normal collection day

New collection day

Friday 23rd December

No change

Friday 30th December

Will move to Tuesday 3rd January

Friday 6th January

Will move to Monday 9th January

Friday 13th January

Will move to Saturday 14th January

Fairford Library - 01285 712599



WIFI

**WIFI is available
at the library.**

`A Dog is for Life and not just for
Christmas`

on Monday 19th December.

With Charlotte Paddock from the
Dogs` Trust making a return visit.

2.00 p.m.

All ages welcome

Fairford & Lechlade Business Club

Fairford & Lechlade Business Club (FLBClub) is celebrating the 10th anniversary of the prestigious Business Awards, designed to recognise local businesses' success and achievements. The 10th Anniversary Gala Dinner will be held on on **Saturday 28th January** in the very spacious function room at Cotswold Hoburne, South Cerney.

As well as welcoming The Lakes by you as our headline sponsor for the 2017 Awards, we are also excited to be introducing one new Award category: The Bob Warren Hospitality Award, in memory of the late landlord of The Trout Inn, Lechlade and long-time supporter of the FLBClub. The winner of this inaugural award will be the hospitality venue that receives the most number of votes from a list of nominated venues.

The FLBClub is retaining the four main categories from previous years - Business; Business Person; New Business and Most Innovative Business of the Year - and any non-member business located in the GL7, GL54, SN6, SN7 or OX18 postcode areas can also enter these categories absolutely free of charge. The closing date for entries is 12 noon on **Saturday 31st December 2016**.

There are also two other Awards: The Howard Dowler Award, which is presented to an individual member or business that has demonstrated an outstanding contribution to the local community. There will also once again be an Award for The Most Outstanding Business Student of the Year chosen from the Year 10 Business Students at Farmor's School.

If you would like to download a nomination form to enter one or more of the main four Award categories; register your vote for your three favourite local hospitality venues or book your place at the 10th Anniversary Gala Dinner, please email Chris Roberts on admin@flbc.org.uk or take a look at the website: www.flbc.org.uk.

Fairford Community Centre

The festive season is approaching fast and will soon be upon us once more. If you are in need of a fantastic local venue to hold your Christmas / New Year celebrations then Fairford Community Centre can cater to your needs.

There are a number of rooms available for hire of various sizes suitable for fundraising events, children's parties, craft activities, meetings and large parties. For your catering needs the centre has a fully equipped kitchen or we have very good relationships with local caterers who are experienced in providing meals/ buffets at the centre.

Christmas Day Lunch at the Centre

Once again there is a Christmas Day Lunch in the Community Centre for individuals and couples in Fairford, and surrounding villages, who would otherwise be on their own and would like some company.

Please join us at Fairford Community Centre from Mid-day on Christmas Day.

If you, or someone you know is interested in coming along, then please contact Andy Wilkinson on 01285 712763. Lifts can be arranged. *(Also if you are interested in helping out on the day, please get in touch).*

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.

The Palmer Hall has a full drinks licence.

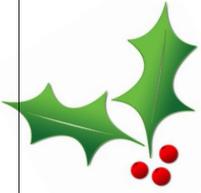
To book telephone Steve on 712189 or Louise 711657

or visit our web site www.thepalmerhall.org

Upcoming events

Saturday 26th November Christmas Fayre (tables available to book)

Friday 16th December Whisky taster evening



FESTIVE MARKET

Friday 2nd December 2016

Fairford Market Place

6.30pm-8.30pm

**Browse around a wide range of stalls in a
friendly, festive atmosphere**

Switching on the Christmas lights!

Hear Splash of Red sing!

School choirs!

Street Entertainment!

Funfair!

Santa & Friends will be in the Grotto!



Christmas starts here!!

Organised by Fairford Town Council