



FAIRFORD TOWN COUNCIL

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Mayor's Introduction



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Firstly I would like to thank Cllr Jennie Sanford for doing such an amazing job as Mayor for the past two years. Jennie has worked incredibly hard for Fairford and will be a hard act to follow. Secondly, I would like to thank my fellow Councillors for entrusting me with this privileged position, I hope I will do you proud.

I joined the Council in 2009 and, at various times, have served on the Planning, Finance, Highways, Procedures and Works & Communities Committees.

Although born in Quenington, I have lived and worked in Fairford for most of my life, and I hold the interests of this town close to my heart. We are all lucky to live in this wonderful place and I know that every single one of my fellow Councillors gives up their time freely to do their utmost for the benefit of Fairford and its residents.

The Town Council is working on various projects at the moment, all designed to enhance the lives of residents and visitors in Fairford. My particular focus will be on improving access into the countryside around the town for everyone of all physical abilities, as well as supporting the Neighbourhood Plan as it reaches examination and eventual referendum.

In this issue of the Newsletter you will find information about the free summer activities that the Council is providing during August. I would also like to invite everyone to join together with friends and family on Sunday 18th June for the Great Get Together in the Walnut Tree Field. To make a great day even better, an international food market will be held in the Market Place on the same day, so you will be able to pick up tasty treats and then wander through to the park to enjoy a community picnic.

I hope to see you there!

Cllr Stephen Boulton.

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COUNCIL NEWS

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Town Council Meetings

The next two Full Town Council Meetings will be on **Tuesday 13th June** and **Tuesday 11th July** at 7.00pm in the Barker Room, Fairford Community Centre.

Community news

Two new noticeboards in Fairford

Two new noticeboards have been put up in Fairford, one on Horcott Road, and one at Fairford Gate, close to the allotments. These noticeboards are open for the public to use to post notices advertising forthcoming events etc. Please do use them!

Fairford Wednesday Market

In an effort to support, improve and revitalise the Fairford Wednesday Market, Fairford Town Council is looking into ways to bring more stall holders and more customers to the open air market, which has traded in Fairford for many years.

The Town Council is currently talking to a transport provider about starting up an affordable service to bring customers from the villages to Fairford to enable them to do their shopping in the town, visit the mobile Lloyds Bank service as well as enjoying what our many pubs, restaurants or coffee shops have to offer.

More and varied stall holders are also being asked to come and trade in Fairford's Market Place on a Wednesday to create a destination hub that can be enjoyed every week.

The revitalisation will not happen overnight but, in the meantime, everyone in Fairford and the villages can help by supporting the local outdoor market as well as our other shops and the Country Market, which also takes place on a Wednesday in Fairford Community Centre.

If anyone is interested in having a stall at the Wednesday Market please contact Cllr Chris Roberts chris@cotswoldwireless.co.uk.

Free Summer fun for ages 6 -14

As part of a summer programme of activities for young people (age 6 - 14), the Town Council is hosting a series of workshops throughout August. These will be free to attend. Places are limited and booking is essential. The workshops will be held at the **Community Centre**.
The timetable is:

Date	Activity	Times	Age range & maximum numbers	Venue
Monday 31 st July	Circus Skills	10.00am - 12.00pm	8 - 14yrs 30 places	Keble Room
Friday 4 th August	Music Technology	10.00am - 12.00pm	10 - 14yrs 10 places	Barker Room
Monday 7 th August	African Drumming (1hr sessions)	10.00 - 11.00am 11.00 - 12.00pm	8 - 14yrs 20 places	Keble Room
Tuesday 8 th August	Street Dance	2.00pm - 4.00pm	6 - 14yrs 30 places	Keble Room
Monday 14 th August	Circus Skills	10.00am - 12.00pm	8 - 14yrs 30 places	Keble Room
Wednesday 16 th August	Music Technology	10.00am - 12.00pm	10 - 14yrs 10 places	Barker Room
Monday 21 st August	African Drumming (1hr sessions)	10.00 - 11.00am 11.00 - 12.00pm	8 - 14yrs 20 places	Keble Room
Tuesday 22 nd August	Street Dance	2.00pm - 4.00pm	6 - 14yrs 30 places	Keble Room

To book your free place, please go to:

<http://worldjungle.org.uk/SOTS/2017/SOTS%202017.html>



The Ernest Cook Trust are also proposing to offer two free forest school experiences during August at Leawood. Please bring a picnic lunch to enjoy on the day.

These will take place on: Tuesday 8th & Tuesday 22nd August. 9.30am - 1.30pm.

All children must be accompanied by an adult, with a maximum ratio of 5 children per adult.

To book your place, please email: clerks@fairford-tc.co.uk

Fairford Library - 01285 712599

We are nearing Summer now which means our annual Summer Reading Challenge for all libraries.

This takes place during the Summer School holiday and is for Primary School children and is linked with the schools.

It is very popular and has been and is the perfect way for children to continue reading during the Summer. This year's theme is *Animal Agents* which will involve games, animals and lots of exciting things to do.

We would love to have some Volunteer help with this and it would involve helping children join up, give out their packs etc.

Any small amount as in a couple of hours once a week would be gratefully received. If anyone is very keen they could even help with an event.

Hilary Cottage Surgery Patient Participation Group

Dementia Awareness & Support Event 29th June 2017

Would you recognise the signs?
Would you know where to find support?

Speakers :

- ▷ Hilda Hayo, CEO and Chief Admiral Nurse, Dementia UK
- ▷ Dr Anthea Holland, Founder of Mindsong

Hear about some of the national and local support that is available.

Time: 2.00pm

Place: Fairford Community Centre

FREE entry. Let us know you want to reserve a place by emailing: hilarycottageppg@gmail.com



Fairford Community Centre

FCC Ltd AGM

Our **Annual General Meeting** will be held on Thursday 29th June 2017 at 7.30 pm in the Farmor room.

Everyone is welcome. The ideas and suggestions of users are very important to us, if you use the centre, please come and tell us what you think about it.

FCC Ltd Members

All those using or interested in the Community Centre are cordially invited to join us and become members of FCC Ltd. We welcome new members, and there is no joining or membership fee, just a general meeting once a year, when we report on the year's activities.

Please come along and join us at the AGM on the 29th June to find out more.

Bookings

We are currently taking a lot of weekend bookings for the summer months and spaces are filling up fast so if you are looking to host your summer party, celebration at the centre please get in touch as soon as possible to secure your place. 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 or come along and have a look around the centre, the office is open each weekday morning.

www.fairfordcommunitycentre.org 01285 711571 bookings@fccentre.co.uk

The Palmer Hall

At the May meeting of Fairford Town Council, I was pleased to be elected as the Council representative on the Palmer Hall committee. At my first meeting with the committee a few days later, I discovered just how hard this small group of volunteers work to keep the hall clean, tidy and serviceable whilst also organising a host of events for community enjoyment and to raise money to keep the hall going. The main project at the moment for the Palmer Hall committee is the complete re-vamp of the toilets, for which donations, grants and fundraising is needed. The 100 Club has been a good fundraiser for many years and each month there are cash prizes to be won. Phil Trickett has run this fundraiser for many years and the Palmer Hall committee would like to thank Phil for all his hard work and support.

On the third Wednesday of each month, there is the Palmer Hall Cinema. A great way to see some really good films without having to travel outside Fairford. Refreshments are always available and there is a big screen and good audio facilities. Details of the films are shown on the website: www.thepalmerhall.org.

Other fundraising events planned for the coming year are a talk on "Steam"; the ever-popular Richy D as Elvis and a Christmas Fayre. Keep a look out in the local press and on the Palmer Hall website for more information. Cllr Chris Roberts. 01285 712150

The League of Friends of Fairford Hospital

ITALIAN EVENING - COLOSSEO RESTAURANT

Monday 19th June 2017 Fairford 7.30pm

A two course Italian meal, at £20 per person, (excluding drinks), with 50% being donated to The League. This will include a Colosseo nibbles starter and a main course. Entries by ticket only for a maximum of 70 people, so purchase your tickets early to avoid disappointment. Tickets can be purchased from:

Ruth Berridge – 01367 252706 or Ros Godden – 01285 713649

EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING (EGM)

Thursday 22nd June 2017 Fairford Community Centre 7.00pm

The League will be holding an EGM inviting members to vote on changing the legal status of the Charity to become a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) and to vote on changing the Charity's name to '**Friends of Fairford and Lechlade Communities**'

Members registered with us will be receiving an invitation together with information outlining the reasons for the proposed changes. If you need further information, please contact Christine Barker on: 07767 408409 or email: fairford.lof@hotmail.co.uk.

Graham Hewitt, Chairman

Fairford History Society

Saturday 3rd June and Sunday 4th June, 10.00 - 4.00pm

at FAIRFORD COMMUNITY CENTRE, Heritage Room

PHOTOGRAPHIC DISPLAY by EDWIN CUSS, with Fairford History Society display and FHS publications for sale

Free Entry

Thursday June 15th 2017 at 7.30pm

at Fairford Community Centre

FAIRFORD HISTORY SOCIETY AGM 2017

followed by Professor Eric Jones talking about his recently published book : 'Middle Ridgeway' by Eric Jones and Patrick Dillon. A journey over an 'ecological island' from Avebury to White Horse Hill and onward to the Goring Gap

New members and visitors (£3) are welcome.

For further information contact Alison on 01285 711768 or

Speed Watch

Despite the large number of trained volunteers who originally signed up and the increased number of police-approved sites in Fairford where traffic monitoring can be carried out, it has been very difficult getting some volunteers to commit to taking their turn on the "rota" in Fairford. Unfortunately, on several occasions, the Speed Watch sessions planned for problem areas of Fairford have had to be cancelled. I am, therefore, putting out a request for more people to come forward to offer their help in Fairford. Each volunteer will have an hour's training by the Police in Cirencester and will be provided with a high visibility jacket and all the other equipment necessary to carry out speed monitoring with two or three other volunteers. The amount of time you can offer is up to you, but most volunteers offer around two hours of their time per month. If you would like to help, please contact Cllr Chris Roberts on 01285 712150, chris@cotswoldwireless.co.uk.

Fairford Neighbourhood Plan - update

Fairford Town Council (FTC) has submitted the Fairford Neighbourhood Development Plan (FNP) to Cotswold District Council (CDC) and comments from CDC and other consultees were received by 11th April. The FNP is now being assessed by an independent examiner to ensure that it meets the legal requirements. The examiner subsequently called for a meeting, 10th May, between FTC/FNP and CDC to seek further clarification on parts of the FNP Sustainability Appraisal, to ensure that it meets the statutory requirements of a Neighbourhood Plan.

Malcolm Cutler, Chair, Fairford Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group.

Fairford & Lechlade Business Club



At Fairford & Lechlade Business Club's 10th AGM held at the end of April at The Crown of Crucis Hotel, members enjoyed some valuable networking before hearing from guest speaker: The Rt Hon The Countess Bathurst.

The business of the AGM followed Lady Bathurst's talk with members hearing that the Club was going from strength to strength with 87 members and 15 new members since last April. The financial report was presented by Ian Sumbler of Morris Owen who confirmed that the Club's finances were healthy and showed a surplus mainly due to revenue from the Business Awards.

The Steering Group was elected with Helen Webb continuing as Chair; Shirley Wheeler as Vice Chair; Chris Roberts as Administrator and committee members Nigel Musgrove and Toni Ryder. One new member was nominated and elected to the committee: Christina Taylor.

The next meeting will be a breakfast meeting on Thursday 22nd June at 8am at Colosseo Ristorante, Fairford. Guest speaker: Peter Paredes, winner of Business Person of the Year 2017. Non-members welcome.

To find out more about Fairford & Lechlade Business Club, contact Chris Roberts: 01285 712150, admin@flbc.org.uk or visit: www.flbc.org.uk.

Walkers Are Welcome

'Walkers are Welcome' is a nationwide initiative, launched in 2007, to encourage towns and villages to be 'welcoming to walkers'. The network now has over 100 locations across the UK which benefit from 'Walkers are Welcome' accreditation and promotion through the 'Walkers are Welcome' website.

The aims of 'Walkers are Welcome' are to encourage and support towns and villages to:

- Be attractive destinations for walkers with top quality information on local walks
- Offer local people and visitors excellent walking opportunities within their areas
- Ensure that footpaths and facilities for walkers are maintained, improved and well signposted
- Contribute to local tourism plans and regeneration strategies
- Promote the health benefits of walking and increase participation

Encourage the use of public transport

Through Fairford Community Voice, Fairford has recently applied for accreditation to 'Walkers are Welcome'. Together with Fairford Town Council, new initiatives are now being planned to upgrade the town's walking maps, signposting, conditions of the walks and promotion of these walks.

THE GREAT GET TOGETHER

IN HONOUR OF JO COX

The "Great Get Together" is being organised in memory of the late Jo Cox MP. It is national event. More information can be found at www.greatgettogether.org

Fairford Town Council would like to invite everyone to join with others and take part of the "Great Get Together" on **Sunday 18th June, from midday.**

The Council is encouraging all the community groups and residents in Fairford to come along to the Walnut Tree Field on Sunday 18th June with a picnic, enjoy the sunshine and celebrate what we have in common!

There will be refreshments available to purchase, and toilet facilities.

You are welcome to bring your own food, drink, gazebo, chairs etc.

We hope you will be able to join us for the celebration of community spirit.



Flavours of the World



Sunday 18th June

International street market crafted to stir the senses with many different aromas and accents.

You will discover Italian sweets and biscuits; the lightest of nougats, cheeses that characterise the culture and culinary identity of their country; cured meats; sausages from every corner of France; and even more stalls offering ranges of coffee and mustards.

As well as these stalls that will tempt your taste buds, the "Flavours of the World" market also has traders showcasing the beauty of their crafts from bowls and ornaments carved from Moroccan marble and Baltic amber set into hand-crafted jewellery to finely woven Italian clothing, rugs and throws and over 60 scented soaps created from olive oil and enriched with Argan oils from Alep to Marseille.

The market will take place on **Sunday 18th June** from 10.00am till 4.00pm in Fairford Market Place.