



FAIRFORD TOWN COUNCIL

DECEMBER 2017

Mayor's Introduction



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Christmas Opening Hours:

The Council office will be closed from Monday 25th Dec and will reopen on Tuesday 2nd January. Emails will be monitored over the Christmas period.

Welcome to the December newsletter. With the Christmas decorations up and the Festive Market around the corner, Fairford is gearing up nicely for this fabulous time of year. Thank you to everyone who helped put the decorations up, in particular to Gareth Hopkins and Adrian Griffiths. And thanks to the Ernest Cook Trust for the magnificent tree in the Market Place.

The Festive Market is having a face lift with new stalls and a layout change, including more lighting, that will hopefully enhance everyone's evening.

It's good to see the new footpaths along the A417 to Keble Fields on the way to completion, as well as the resurfacing of the A417 in front of Fairford Gate. Both long overdue, but essential for the community.

The Council is looking at improving the footpaths around Fairford to enable all residents, regardless of mobility levels, to walk on into the surrounding countryside from the town. We are talking to landowners and key stakeholders to assist in the rejuvenation of some of these important paths.

I was immensely proud to walk in the parade on Remembrance Sunday, and thrilled to see the church so full on this important day. Thank you to everyone who participated in the poppy collection, both door-to-door and all the businesses that hosted a poppy box. You have helped to raise vital funds. I would like to put out a call to all past and present servicemen, to support Fairford's branch of the Royal British Legion (RBL). Many in the community would be lost without this great institution. So please, if you have some free time, get involved.

May I take this opportunity to wish you a Merry Christmas from everyone at the Town Council.
Best wishes, Steve.

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COUNCIL NEWS

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Town Council Meetings

The next two Full Town Council Meetings will be on **Tuesday 12th December** and **Tuesday 9th January 2018** at 7.00pm in the Barker Room, Fairford Community Centre.

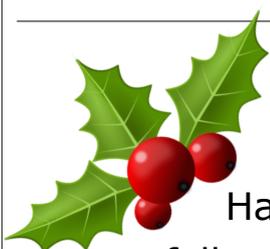
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Or find us on Facebook - search for Fairford Town Council.

Community news



This year the **Fairford Festive Market** will take place on **Friday 1st December**, in Fairford Market Place.

Hatherop Castle School choir will be singing at 6.15pm, followed by Santa at 6.30pm switching on the big tree lights.

Splash of Red will perform from 6.35pm,

followed by the Farrell School of dancing, and then the Salvation Army will be on stage to top off the fun.

The market will run from 6.30pm to 8.30pm.

We have over 35 stalls at the market this year - it's going to be a great evening out!

Please remember the High Street & Market Place are closed to ALL traffic from 2.30pm on 1st Dec. All cars should be removed by 2.00pm



Volunteer Befriending Service

Your Volunteer Befriending Service in Fairford, Lechlade, Tetbury & Surrounding Villages



People are what make our communities vibrant and interesting, so every single person matters. People for You understands the issues affecting local people – acknowledging that sometimes, through bereavement, ill-health, family moving away, or simply the times we live in; people can feel lonely, isolated and vulnerable, particularly in later life. We know how important social contact is in making us feel a valued and vibrant part of our community.

People For You has been providing a free volunteer befriending service for nearly ten years. We cover Fairford, Lechlade, Tetbury, and surrounding villages in the South Cotswolds.

Our volunteer visitors are local people you can rely on. They will visit you on a regular basis, offering companionship, a chance for a chat, or to share a laugh, and a listening ear – everything you need from a valued friend.

If you feel this service could be of interest to you or a family member or friend, please do give us a call.

And if you would like to find out more about how to volunteer, again please contact us.

Contact Us

For more information email **Sue Black** sue.peopleforyou@grcc.org.uk or call her on **07810 630167**.

"Before I had my visitor, my only companion was the televisionThe special quality of the service for me is that now I have something to look forward to every week, whereas before I never knew when I would next have someone to talk to".

People For You is managed by Gloucestershire Rural Community Council (GRCC) <http://www.grcc.org.uk/>

League of Friends of Fairford Hospital

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

House-to-House Fund Raising Event 2018 Dates

The League of Friends House-to-House fund raising event will take place from **9th – 22nd of April 2018**. Our thanks go to all existing volunteer co-ordinators and collectors. With new housing in both Fairford and Lechlade we urgently need more volunteer collectors.

If you can spare sometime to deliver and collect the envelopes please get in touch with the League Administrator, Christine Barker, contact details below.

A very big thank you to all our volunteers who have worked tirelessly through the year for us. Their work is invaluable and enables us to provide health and social care to many in the community.

We wish you all a Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Please remember that we do need more volunteers to help us continue providing this much valued service so if you think you can help do get in touch with The League of Friends Administrator, contact details below.

Your continued support is very much appreciated

Graham Hewitt, Chairman

If you need further information about The League of Friends please contact Christine Barker on: 07767 408409 or email: fairford.lof@hotmail.co.uk.

Fairford History Society

There will be no meeting in December

Thursday 18th January 2018 at 10.00 a.m.

at FAIRFORD UNITED CHURCH, Milton Street

Show and Tell: an opportunity for members to bring along and talk about any object that you consider to be of interest to an audience of History Society members. It can be of any period and any size within reason.

If you are prepared to join in just let Geoff (01285 712053) or Alison know. No details of object required.

Membership £5 Visitors £3

For further information contact Alison on 01285 711768 or email: enquiry@fairfordhistory.org.uk or visit www.fairfordhistory.org.uk

Palmer Hall

Palmer Hall has a large hall available for hire, with a an alcohol licence. Marvellous stage for any band or performance to show their talents. Disabled side entrance with ramp.

Monthly cinema only £3.00 per person with tea and coffee included, wine available at £2.50 a glass.

A variety of clubs use the hall on a regular basis see the website for details www.thepalmerhall.org.

Food Bank now open in Fairford

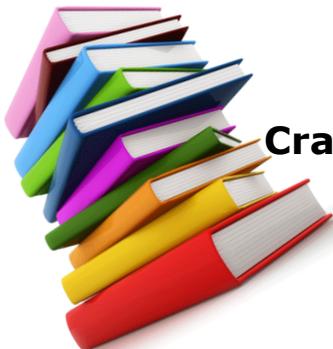
We are extremely pleased to welcome the opening of a local food bank distribution point in the Community Centre. It is now open in the Heritage room **every Wednesday from 1.00pm – 2.30pm** and will be also be open every Wednesday over the Christmas period.

Please come along and meet our friendly team, you will be met with compassion, kindness, a listening ear, as well as a warm drink and a biscuit. Your foodbank voucher will be exchanged for three days of emergency food.

Food bank vouchers are available from Schools, Citizens Advice, Doctor Surgeries, Health care professionals. If you need help in getting a voucher, then please contact Rachel Brindley, or drop in one Wednesday afternoon to talk to a volunteer.

If you would like to help by donating items of food then please drop off your donations into the Community Centre office any weekday morning. Any extra help is always appreciated and if you are interested in helping by volunteering either at the food bank in Fairford or other local ones then please contact Rachel Brindley
Rachel Brindley, Cirencester Foodbank project manager
rachel@cirencester.foodbank.org.uk 07506 174373

Fairford Library - 01285 712599



Drop In Event Day for Children
Monday 18th December
Crafts, Painting, Sewing, Colouring
and Reading Fun
10.00 a.m. – 4.00 p.m.

For more details please call at the
Library or phone 712599



Christmas Day lunch

The now established traditional Christmas lunch will be held in the Community Centre again this year. Those who have attended before will remember it is meant for individuals or couples in Fairford and surrounding villages who would otherwise find themselves alone on Christmas Day.

We will also be looking for volunteers to share in the organisation.

No rush to make a decision yet – we shall be taking bookings from mid November.

If you're reading this and know someone who might like to join in, please either let us know or tell them to get in touch. This is a very relaxed day and all are welcome.

Amanda & Mervyn Cully

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Fairford & District Choral Society

Fairford and District Choral Society's winter concert is on **Saturday 2nd December** at St Mary's Church, Fairford. Along with professional soloists, they are performing **Vivaldi's Gloria** and **Haydn's St Nicholas Mass**, as well as some shorter pieces.

They will be accompanied by Alison Howell, who will play the magnificent church organ. The concert will be conducted by the society's music director, Marysia Gorska-Saj.

'When we sang Haydn's The Creation this year,' said Carole Noble, the society's Chair, 'it was lovely to read the feedback from a critic, Andrew Wicker. He wrote: "The standard achieved by the choral society was equally impressive" with "great dynamic contrasts". A huge boost for us all. The society enjoys coming together to learn, perform and share beautiful choral music, so we hope the audience really enjoys the programme we have put together for our December concert. Marysia's input is incredible, and we are very lucky to have her as our music director, mentor and conductor.'

The concert starts at 7.30pm. Wine and soft drinks will be available at the interval.

Tickets are £15 (£5 for under 18s) and will be available from Fairford Opticians - 11 High Street, Fairford GL7 4AD - 01285 713313;

via the society's website www.fairford.org/choralsociety

or by calling 01285 713681

Fairford and Lechlade Business Club

Fairford & Lechlade Business Club Business Awards 2018

sponsored by

The Lakes by yoo



The ethos behind the Fairford & Lechlade Business Club (FLBClub) has always been to support and promote local businesses and one of the ways it does this is by applauding the achievements of new and existing businesses and the young entrepreneurs of tomorrow at the annual Business Awards Dinner, which is once again sponsored by The Lakes by yoo, an 850 acre private estate situated between Fairford and Lechlade. Since the very first Business Awards evening back in 2006, the event has grown in popularity and size with more and more business people throughout Gloucestershire, Oxfordshire and Wiltshire wanting to enter this prestigious event.

The 2018 Business Awards Presentations and Dinner will be held on Saturday 27th January 2018 at Cotswold Hoburne, South Cerney GL7 5UQ with well-known BBC Radio Gloucestershire breakfast show presenter and Cotswold Life writer, Mark Cummings, as the compère for the evening.

The FLBClub is retaining the four main categories from previous years:

- Business of the Year
- Business Person of the Year
- New Business of the Year
- Most Innovative Business of the Year

In addition, there will be three other categories:

- Most Outstanding Business Student of the Year – chosen from Year 10 students at Farmor's School
- The Howard Dowler Award – chosen by the FLBClub Chair and awarded to a Club member who has made an outstanding contribution to the community
- The Bob Warren Hospitality Award – voted for by loyal customers of nominated local hospitality venues.

Any member of the Business Club can enter one or more Award category absolutely free of charge as can non-members of the Business Club if their business is located in the GL7, GL54, SN6, SN7 or OX18 postcode areas. To find out more entering the Awards or to download an entry pack, please visit www.flbc.org.uk or email admin@flbc.org.uk.



FESTIVE MARKET

Friday 1st December

Fairford Market Place

6.30pm-8.30pm



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

Hatherop Castle School Choir!

Father Christmas switching on the lights!

Splash of **Red!**

Farrell School of Dancing!

Salvation Army!

Street Entertainment!

Hot food available!

Funfair!

Santa & Friends will be in the Grotto!

Christmas starts here!

