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## MAYOR'S INTRODUCTION

As Autumn arrives, we can look back on a long, hot Summer filled with fun. The free activity workshops for children, held at the Community Centre were a roaring success, enjoyed by many local children. As were the terrific Forest Schools run by the Ernest Cook Trust and enjoyed by over 250 people during August.

The Commonwealth flags have now come down and Fairford is looking a little bare. However, it won't be long before the Christmas trees are put up in their place and Fairford will twinkle once more.

Adding some much needed colour to the Town is our new Hare. I would like to welcome "Maurice; The pride of Fairford (F-hare-ford)" to the town. Maurice is now installed at the top of the High Street, nestled between two benches and there for everyone to enjoy. I would like to thank Freya Barlow for her amazing artwork and Les Webb, and his crew at LR Engineering, for installing Maurice. We were overwhelmed by the contributions made by residents to the crowd fund page set up to replace Maurice. We plan to put up a plaque to let people know about the hare and to thank those who contributed to it. We have been left with a surplus of around £500 and we hope that those who contributed will be happy that the Council will donate the remaining money to two local children who are currently undergoing treatment for cancer. The money will be donated to [www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/bettina-harvey](http://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/bettina-harvey).

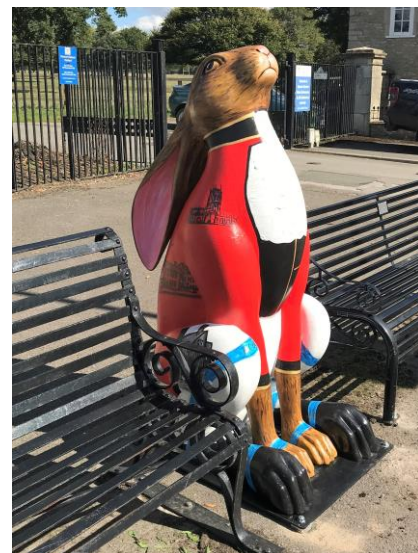
Don't forget that you can always contact any of your Councillors by email if you have a question, or a suggestion to make about your town. All our contact details are on the website or call the office and the Clerks can pass on any messages. We are here to represent you, so keep in touch!

Steve.



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Fairford Town Mayor  
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# COUNCIL NEWS

## FESTIVE MARKET

The Festive Market takes place on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December from 6.30pm until 8.30pm. We've already got a host of amazing stalls booked in, but there is room for more. If you are interested in having a stall at the Market, please get in touch with the Clerks. Stalls are £25, and come with a table, lighting and cover.

It's shaping up to be a fabulous evening for everyone. We've got music, entertainment, the Christmas Lights going on and Father Christmas in his grotto. Put the date in your diary!

## WALNUT TREE FIELD

The Council is undertaking some maintenance work in the Walnut Tree Field during October. The balance beam and several wooden stepping posts will be replaced on the trim trail, and the surface under the basket swing will be replaced with *ecomulch*; a recycled surface material, already installed around the scale swing and roundabout.

## TOWN COUNCIL GRANTS AWARDED

We are very pleased to announce that two Community Capital Grants were awarded by the Council this year.

- Fairford Town Football Club will benefit from a £5,000 grant to help pay for a replacement tractor & mower.
- Fairford Cricket Club has received £5,000 to help towards the cost of a much needed roller.

The Palmer Hall received £10,000 from the Town Council to help with the refurbishment project.

The Town Council has also contributed towards the Farmor's School reunion publication; the Fairford Artisan Gift & Craft Fair raising funds for two local children with cancer; and Fairford History Society's publication: "*Fairford's Local Heroes*".

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## NEXT MEETINGS

The next two Full Town Council Meetings will be on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> October and Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> November at 7.00pm in the Barker Room, Fairford Community Centre.



# COMMUNITY NEWS

## **PALMER HALL**

Colonel Palmer – a director of Huntley & Palmer Biscuits - paid for the building of the Palmer Hall on land donated by Arkell's Brewery and, in 1936, he gave the hall to the people of Fairford. The original Palmer Hall Constitution states: 'the object of the Charity shall be the provision and maintenance of a village hall for the use of the inhabitants of the Town of Fairford including use for meetings, lectures and classes, and for other forms of recreation and leisure-time occupation, with the object of improving the conditions of life for the said inhabitants.'

For the past 82 years, the Palmer Hall has adhered to this Constitution and has been a well-loved community venue for many types of events and activities. However, the years and extensive use have taken their toll and a lot of work is now needed to bring the hall up to an acceptable standard and into the 21<sup>st</sup> century. The Management Committee, headed by Sue Crowley, has been working hard to raise almost £70,000 to begin work on refurbishment of the toilets for male and female users, the entrance lobby, the main hall and stage area and the installation of a brand new accessible toilet area for disabled users.

Thanks to generous donations from the general public, local community groups and grants from charitable trusts and local authorities, work will hopefully be starting on the hall very soon. Sue Crowley said: 'The work is necessary to preserve the Palmer Hall for another 82 years but there will, unfortunately, be a bit of disruption. However, the Committee is working closely with the builders to keep this disruption to a minimum and we would ask our users to please be patient with us. It will all be worth it in the end.'

If you would like to take a 'before' virtual tour of the Palmer Hall made by Lechlade photographer, Nick Bennett of EveryWhichWay Photography, please visit: <http://bit.ly/2JROdP5>. There will be an 'after' virtual tour to follow once the work is completed.

If you would like to donate to the refurbishment of The Palmer Hall, you can still do so by visiting: <https://uk.gofundme.com/the-palmer-hall>.

The Palmer Hall Committee would like to sincerely thank the following for their generosity and support:

- All who gave to the GoFundMe page
- Nick Bennett of EveryWhichWay Photography
- Cotswold District Council
- Cotswold Doors
- Duncan Dagleish of Harper Downie Architects
- Fairford Town Council
- Fairford Firecrackers WI
- Steve Garton, The Cotswold Insider
- Glos County Council
- Alison Hobson, Fairford History Society
- Heikina Kai Karate Club
- Hyperion House Care Home
- Lechlade Lions
- The Bull Hotel
- Palmer Hall Dance Club
- RAF Charitable Trust Enterprises
- The Ernest Cook Trust
- The Summerfield Trust
- Travis Perkins, Cirencester



# **COMMUNITY NEWS**

## **FARMOR'S SCHOOL REUNION**

There is to be a school reunion on the 24<sup>th</sup> November at 2.00pm held at Farmor's School. This is open to anyone who attended the school from the 1940s to the present day. It's 280 years to the day that Farmor's School first opened in 1738. Come along and meet your old school mates and see how your old school has evolved. For more information, please call 01285 712122.

## **FAIRFORD AND LECHLADE BUSINESS CLUB**

At their October Club meeting on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> October, members of the Fairford & Lechlade Business Club (FLBClub) will enjoy over a glass of wine a behind the scenes peek at The Barn Theatre in Cirencester. Iwan Lewis, the theatre's Artistic Director, will talk about the new 200-seat venue which launched in 2017 and how their production 'The Rise & Fall of Little Voice' attracted rave reviews forcing the theatre to extend the performances by several weeks.

After the presentation, members will be able to watch the stage adaptation of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's famous 'The Hound of the Baskervilles'.

Iwan Lewis' presentation will start at 6.30pm and the show at 7.30pm. Afterwards, it will be possible to enjoy supper at T  atro Restaurant & bar next door.

If you would like to find out more about this meeting or about joining the FLBClub, please contact Chris Roberts on 01285 712150 or email [admin@flbc.org.uk](mailto:admin@flbc.org.uk).

## **24HR ACCESSIBLE DEFIBRILLATOR LOCATIONS:**

There are 4 publicly accessible defibrillators in Fairford. These are at the following locations:

- Fairford Fire Station, Hatherop Road.
- The Bull Hotel, Market Place.
- Fairford Youth Football Club, Horcott Road.
- The Old Phone Box, Milton Street.

Other defibrillators are available during operating hours at:

- Fairford Community Centre;
- Hilary Cottage Surgery;
- Fairford Town Football Club &
- White Cottage Dental Practice.



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## FAIRFORD COMMUNITY CENTRE

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



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](http://www.fairfordcommunitycentre.org), or come along and have a look around. The office is open each weekday morning.

Tel: 01285 711571

Email: [bookings@fccentre.co.uk](mailto:bookings@fccentre.co.uk).

## CONCERT AT ST MARY'S CHURCH

MERRY OPERA, a professional opera touring company, is bringing its staged production of Handel's Messiah to St Mary's Parish Church, Fairford on Sunday 28th October at 3.00pm.

*From the moment when twelve apparently unconnected characters are seen entering the church it becomes clear that this production of Handel's Messiah is like no other. There is no staging, nor any special lighting, just the church as it stands. Instantly recognisable as everyday characters, the singers move throughout the building, sometimes sitting with the audience, or leaning against a pillar. Arriving damaged by the doubts and worries they have brought with them, they enact the piece together and begin to form an understanding of each other's predicaments. By the end of the performance each of them reaches some form of resolution and can face the future with a degree of hope.*

Tickets £15.00 from [www.merryopera.com](http://www.merryopera.com) 03336 664 466 (booking fee applies) or at the door.



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## FAIRFORD HISTORY SOCIETY

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30pm  
at Fairford Community Centre

**The Bicentenary of a Poaching Affair: an incident  
from the speaker's recent book 'Landed Estates'  
by Eric Jones.**

and

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm  
at Fairford Community Centre

**Putting Fairford on the Map by John Leighfield.**

Membership £5 Visitors £3

For further information contact Alison on 01285 711768 or  
email: [enquiry@fairfordhistory.org.uk](mailto:enquiry@fairfordhistory.org.uk) or visit  
[www.fairfordhistory.org.uk](http://www.fairfordhistory.org.uk)

### **New FHS Publication**

*"Fairford's Local Heroes": a record of the sacrifice of a  
Gloucestershire town in the two World Wars* by Chris  
and Alison Hobson. Published by FHS. Price £8.

## MAURICE - WHAT A LIFE!

Brought to life by Jake Sutton; as our Maurice, he sat  
outside the Council office until auction day. He was sold  
to a lady in Tewksbury as a gift for her mother. She loved  
him to bits, but being Maurice, we felt that he belonged in  
Fairford. With the help of the Town Clerks, he was tracked  
down and, after learning about his back story, his owner  
agreed to let him come home! All's well and everyone  
enjoys him, sat proudly at the top of the High Street. Until  
one crazy night, and he's gone! But our cloud had a silver  
lining. The community spirit within Fairford showed its  
sparkle and the funds to secure a new hare were raised.  
And doesn't he look good! Still our Maurice, but with  
scenes of Fairford interwoven on his body. He was  
installed on 13<sup>th</sup> September under the watchful eye of  
CCTV. But within 24 hours he was gone! Mistakenly  
collected by the Cotswold Hare Trail crew and taken off to  
auction! We tracked him down, for the second time, and  
now, there he is, installed, and tightly secured, hopefully  
in perpetuity!  
Les Webb – LR Engineering.

## FAIRFORD HISTORY SOCIETY



Chris and Alison Hobson  
of Fairford History  
Society presenting a copy  
of *'Fairford Local  
Heroes: a record of the  
sacrifice of a  
Gloucestershire town in  
the two World Wars'* to  
Mayor Cllr Steve Boulton  
at the book launch on 6<sup>th</sup>  
September.

Fairford Town Council  
was proud to be one of  
the sponsors of the  
publication.



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## LEAGUE OF FRIENDS OF FAIRFORD HOSPITAL

**CHRISTMAS BAZAAR Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> November at Fairford Community Centre 10.00am - 12.00 noon.**

Christmas cards, raffle tickets, cake sales, book and bottle stalls, Gifts, plants, refreshments, etc. will be available.

Raffle tickets can also be bought at our Charity Shop in Lechlade with a first prize of £100 cash and many more prizes from local businesses.

**HOUSE-TO-HOUSE FINAL TOTAL, including Gift Aid.**

This year's House-to-House event raised £19,506 for The League of Friends. Another tremendous result. Our thanks go to all the volunteers who make this happen and to all our supporters in the community for their generosity.

The League would also like to thank Coln Choir for donating the proceeds of their summer concert, £350.

***The League of Friends needs your help!***

**PATIENT TRANSPORT SCHEME - VOLUNTEER DRIVERS REQUIRED**

We have a team of volunteer drivers who provide over 700 journeys a year for people in our community who have difficulty getting to their medical appointments at GP surgeries and local hospitals. We urgently need more drivers to help with this vital community service. We do ask our drivers to complete a DBS check as this service provides much needed support and assistance to many vulnerable people in our community.

Car running costs are paid for.

Do you think you can help? If so, please contact Christine

Barker on: 07767 408409 or email

**[fairford.lof@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:fairford.lof@hotmail.co.uk)**

**EDNA DAWES LUNCH CLUB – MINIBUS DRIVERS REQUIRED**

Can you spare 3 hours a month to help get our Lunch Club Members to Fairford Hospital on a Monday or Wednesday? We need additional minibus drivers to pick up and take home our members from the Lunch Club held at Fairford Hospital. We do ask our drivers to complete a DBS check.

If you are interested, please contact Shirley Rice on 01367 253096.

At the Annual Town Meeting in May this year, two Farmor's students, Aiyanna Bodsworth and Sophia Walter were presented with the Geoff Chick Award of £500 each to help them with volunteering work abroad in 2019. Now the two girls are organising a Prize Bingo fundraiser for their trip to Kenya with Camps International. During their four weeks away in Kenya, they will be fully involved in helping with the local community and environmental projects. They will help build homes, toilets and parts of a school as well as spending time with the young children and teenagers in Kenya. The Prize Bingo event will be held on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> October between 7.00pm-10.00pm at Fairford Town Football Club, Cinder Lane and everyone is invited. The girls would be very grateful to receive any prizes for the bingo night from local businesses to help raise the £3,600 each that is needed for the trip. Please contact [gruffstar.eb@gmail.com](mailto:gruffstar.eb@gmail.com).



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**Butterfly Events**  
BENEFITING LOCAL CAUSES

## FAIRFORD ARTISAN GIFT & CRAFT FAIR

RAISING FUNDS FOR POPPY & ELERI

**6TH OCTOBER 2018**  
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## THE PALMER HALL

The Palmer Hall, Fairford, is a large space available for hire, with an alcohol licence and kitchen facilities. There is a spacious raised stage for band performances, shows and plays. The hall is available for private hire for birthday parties, weddings, functions and social events.

Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month, Palmer Hall runs a monthly cinema at £3.50 entry per person inclusive of tea, coffee and a biscuit, with wine available at £3.00 a glass. Look out for the posters around Fairford for details of the next film or visit our website. A variety of clubs use the hall on a regular basis. If you would like to join or hire the hall just visit our website on [www.thepalmerhall.org](http://www.thepalmerhall.org).

