

# FAIRFORD NEWS

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## MAYORS INTRODUCTION

Happy New Year!

The Town Council had a busy Christmas time, with another hugely successful Festive Market and a great deal of time dedicated to getting the Christmas decorations in the town just right! Thank you to all the volunteers who helped put up and take down the Christmas decorations. It was great to see so many new faces helping out. We will be asking for people to help us again this year, so, if you would like to get involved, please get in touch.

A big thanks to goes out to all the volunteers in Fairford who helped out with the Christmas lunch - once again a wonderful day for all those who came along.

Following the resignation of Trevor Smith, there was a vacancy of the Town Council. We were fortunate enough to have two excellent candidates put themselves forward for co-option. After much discussion, I am pleased to welcome Cllr John Morgan to the Council. You can find out more about John in the Newsletter.

There will be an opportunity for anyone, who is eligible, to stand for election to the Town Council in May as all Councillors have to step down and stand again for election – should they choose to. Again, you can find out more about the whole process in the Newsletter.

The Town Council will shortly be launching a new look website – we will have an events page on the site, so if you have an event you would like to publicise, please email the Clerks with all the details.

Best wishes, Steve



Cllr Stephen Boulton  
Fairford Town Mayor  
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# COUNCIL NEWS

## MEET YOUR NEW COUNCILLOR



To contact Cllr Morgan,  
please email:  
[jmfairfordtc@gmail.com](mailto:jmfairfordtc@gmail.com)

My name is John Morgan. I was co-opted by Councillors to re-join Fairford Town Council at the January Full Council meeting.

I was previously a Fairford Town Councillor from 2004 to 2009. During that period I sat on the Planning, Facilities and Highways committees and was appointed as Fairford Town Mayor in 2007. During my time as Mayor, I became a leading member of the newly formed Fairford Emergency Action Group and was instrumental in the formation of the town's Emergency Action Plan. In 2009, I resigned as a councillor on posting to the Middle East with the RAF. In 2018, my family returned to our home in Horcott and, now that we have settled back in, I would like to volunteer my services to the Town Council once again.

Much has changed since we left; the new housing developments were only concepts. However, in spite of the increase in the population, the town remains as welcoming as it always has been.

I had previously championed Fairford as a self-sustaining community and it is reassuring to see so many more local businesses thriving. In the future, I will try to ensure that the town's facilities and infrastructure are not overwhelmed, so that we can preserve that Fairford community spirit while continuing to support the requirements of its increasing population.

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Find us on Facebook - search for Fairford Town Council.

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### NEXT MEETINGS

The next two Full Town Council Meetings will be on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> February and Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March at 7.00pm in the Barker Room, Fairford Community Centre.



# COMMUNITY NEWS

## PALMER HALL

The Palmer Hall Committee is thrilled to announce that the first phase of the renovations and refurbishment of the 83 year old community hall is now complete. Work started on installing an accessible toilet in the former storage area to the left of the stage in mid November and the work was completed before Christmas. In addition to the brand new large accessible toilet area with automatic lighting, toilet, wash hand-basin and baby-changing unit, the whole of the storage area, which doubles up as a bar area, has had the walls re-plastered and painted, the floor re-covered and new cupboard units and worktops installed. The Committee would like to sincerely thank Travis Perkins, Cirencester for the donation of the sanitary ware for the accessible toilet and Cotswold Doors, Fairford for three new doors for this smart new area. (Pictured right).

The next part of the planned refurbishment work will start in February and will be the up-dating of the toilets for male and female users and the entrance hall. During this time, the hall will remain open for users with access to the hall being via the side entrance and with the accessible toilet serving as the main toilet facility for the hall. The Committee apologises for any inconvenience during the works, but it will all be worth it in the end. In March, the piece-de-resistance will start – the main hall and stage area! As well as a complete re-decoration, there are plans to renew the window curtains with blinds and the old red stage curtains with something more modern and bright with a motorised rail to make the opening and closing of the stage curtains much easier.

The first two main events to take place in the hall after the refurbishment will be a Grand Opening and the Spring Fayre. The Grand Opening is likely to be in April, but the actual date is yet to be confirmed. This is when all the donors, supporters, helpers and regular users of the hall will be invited to come and have a look round and enjoy a celebratory glass of wine.

To find out more about the Palmer Hall, please visit:  
[www.thepalmerhall.org](http://www.thepalmerhall.org).

Chris Roberts (Town Council representative on the Palmer Hall Committee)

## THE PALMER HALL SPRING FAYRE

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> April from 1pm-5pm and you can book a table by emailing: [fairfordph@outlook.com](mailto:fairfordph@outlook.com). This is a great opportunity to come and buy or sell Spring-related items or Easter gifts, cards, eggs etc.





# COMMUNITY NEWS



## FAIRFORD AND LECHLADE BUSINESS CLUB

By the time you read this, the Fairford & Lechlade Business Club Business Awards Presentations & Dinner 2019 will have taken place. All the winners and finalists will be mentioned in the April issue of this Newsletter. It was another bumper year for entries again with nearly 60 entries in the four main categories of Business of the Year, Business Person, New Business and Most Innovative Business. Three business students from Farmor's School were short-listed for the Award of Outstanding Business Student of the Year and four of the five finalists in the Bob Warren Hospitality Award all came from Fairford! The Howard Dowler Award is always a closely-guarded secret until the Awards Night and is presented by the Chair of FLBClub to the person or business that has made an outstanding contribution to the local community.

In the meantime, the FLBClub would like to thank all its sponsors and supporters: The Lakes by yoo; Philip Allwood of Moore, Allen & Innocent (Auctioneer); BBC Radio Glos; Butler Toll, ECI Telecom; Fairford Roof Tiles; Gary Holland (Mayor of Lechlade); Green Hills Cleaning, Hersom Whittaker Ltd; Morris Owen; Paredes Photography; RAFCTE (RIAT); T A Reed (Wiltshire) Ltd; Ripples magazine; Sudbury House Hotel, Faringdon; Swindon 105.5FM; The Coffee Post and the Wilts & Glos Standard.

The next meeting of the FLBClub is on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30pm and is rather special! We have been invited to enjoy the stately home comforts of Eynsham Hall Hotel, which dates back to the early 1700s. Manager, Brenden Carlton will host a drinks and nibbles evening in the Library followed by a guided tour of the hotel. Following a multi-million pound investment, Eynsham Hall boasts 40 flexible meeting and function rooms, 135 stylish bedrooms and an adults-only health and fitness centre.

Return transport from Fairford and Lechlade has been arranged for a small charge of £5 per person. Pick up from St Mary's Church, Fairford at 6.15pm and from Lechlade Market Place at 6.25pm. Booking for this event, which is also open to non-members, is essential at [www.flbc.org.uk/Events](http://www.flbc.org.uk/Events) or contact Chris Roberts on 01285 712150, [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.



# COMMUNITY NEWS

## FAIRFORD COMMUNITY CENTRE

### Are you in need of space for business meetings / training or conferences?

Do you run a business from home or have offices in or around the Fairford area but lack the space for meetings or perhaps you need a venue for conferences or a training event?

We have rooms of various sizes suitable for small meetings/interviews through to conferences. Rooms are available to hire for hourly, half day or full day, we offer competitive prices and are local.

Some of the facilities we are able to offer are:

- WiFi
- Hearing Loop / Sound System
- Projector screen
- Fully Equipped kitchen
- We can recommend local caterers who are experienced in providing snacks / buffets at the Centre.

Fairford Community Centre  
Tel: 01285 711571  
Bookings@fccentre.co.uk  
Manager@fccentre.co.uk  
www.fairfordcommunitycentre.org



## HALF-TERM ACTIVITIES

**Jigsaw Day at the  
United Church, Milton St.  
Thursday 15<sup>th</sup>  
February  
10.00am -2.00pm.**

Refreshments and light lunch. For all the family. Jigsaws provided. No charges.



# COMMUNITY NEWS

## FAIRFORD HISTORY SOCIETY

Morning meeting  
Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> February at 10.00am  
**Fairford Carnival, the final years,  
1953-56 by Edwin Cuss**

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March at 7.30pm  
**Film Night: from the FHS Archive**

Both meetings at Fairford Community Centre  
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)

## COUNCIL ELECTIONS 2019

If you care about where you live and are passionate about your community, we need you.

This year, in May, all Councillors will be stepping down. It is at this time that some may decide not to put themselves forward again for re-election and therefore, there may be vacancies for the role of Town Councillor.

If you live within a 3 miles radius of Fairford, are over 18 and on the electoral roll, you are eligible to stand for election.

If you interested in standing for election, please get in touch with the Town Council office. More information can be found on our website.: [www.fairfordtowncouncil.gov.uk](http://www.fairfordtowncouncil.gov.uk).

## POLICE REPORT

This report covers the period of **1<sup>st</sup> December 2018 to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2018**. During this period there were **8** crimes. This compares with **3** in the same period last year

In the year to date overall crime stands at a total of **75**. This compares with **93** the same period of last year. There has been a **REDUCTION** of **18** crimes or **19.35%**

### Crime Breakdown

Burglary Residential - 1  
Burglary Business and community - 1  
Theft - 0  
Criminal damage - 0  
Violence - 5  
Drugs - 1

### Information

For December the residential burglary was recorded in Jacobs Piece, where a vehicle was also stolen from the address. The burglary business/community occurred at Fairford Primary School.  
**Please remain vigilant and report incidents to Police.**



# COMMUNITY NEWS

## LEAGUE OF FRIENDS OF FAIRFORD HOSPITAL

### *DATES FOR YOUR DIARY*

***Curry Night: 7.30pm on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> February at Khushi in Lechlade. An Indian buffet meal - cost £15.00 per head (excluding drinks) with 50% being donated to the League.***

Tickets available from: Ros Godden on 01367 250322 or Ruth Berridge on 01367 252706.

### ***House-to-House 2019 Dates***

The League of Friends House-to-House fund raising event will take place from the 1st to the 14th April 2018. Our thanks to all our existing volunteer co-ordinators, and collectors. With the new housing in both Fairford and Lechlade we urgently need more volunteer collectors to deliver and collect the envelopes in your local area.

**We need more Volunteer Drivers, particularly in the Lechlade area and surrounding villages.**

We do over 750 drives a year helping people get to their medical appointments at their GP surgery or hospital. Running costs for the trips are paid. **Do you think you can help?**

***If you can spare sometime to deliver and collect the envelopes for the House to House fund raising event or become one of our volunteer drivers please get in touch with the League Administrator, Christine Barker, contact details below.***

*If you need further information about The League of Friends, please contact Christine Barker on: 07767 408409 or email: fairford.lof@hotmail.co.uk or visit our website at [www.friendsoffairford.org.uk](http://www.friendsoffairford.org.uk)*

## FAIRFORD LIBRARY

Baby Bounce and Rhyme every Wednesday  
10.30am - 11.00am

Toddler Time every Monday  
10.30am - 11.00am

All events are free.



The poster for the Fairford Library Spring Craft Event is set against a light green background. At the top, it features the Gloucestershire County Council logo and the text 'Let's Make Spring Crafts!'. Below this, a row of colorful flowers and butterflies is shown. The main text reads 'FAIRFORD LIBRARY SPRING CRAFT EVENT' in pink and red, followed by 'THURSDAY 21 FEBRUARY' and '2pm - 4pm\*'. A small note at the bottom states: '\*All children must be accompanied by an adult. No booking required. Free event. Everyone welcome!'. On the right side, a vertical list of activities is provided: 'Decorate a Butterfly', 'Create Creepy Crawlies', 'Design a Bookmark', 'Make Spring Flowers', and 'Finger Painting'. The bottom of the poster features the word 'SPRING' in large, colorful letters and the logo for 'The Library'.



# COMMUNITY NEWS

## FAIRFORD “FIRECRACKERS” WI

Happy new year from Fairford “Firecrackers” WI.

Christmas at the WI was full of festivities starting with our carol service at the beautiful St Mary’s Church where we hosted over 100 women including members from seven institutes within Fairford’s group. Mulled wine and mince pies were served to warm our vocal chords before singing along with Splash of Red. Rev Caroline Symcox officiated over a wonderful service to kick start Christmas celebrations. Our monthly WI meeting was led by the lovely Rosie from “Rosie’s Posies.” Rosie taught us the art of making the perfect Christmas wreath/table decorations with a small talk before we got to work on our very own creations. The members created some beautiful festive displays which I am sure you saw hanging on the doors of Fairford.

Our festive celebrations were rounded up nicely with Fairford Festive Market where we had our ever so popular “Jar-bola” stall with prizes to be won and beautiful handmade (by our lovely members) crafts to buy.

On to January where we all gathered for our New Year’s lunch at the New Inn, Lechlade to recap on our 2018 fun! Looking to the near future (how is it the middle of January already?) we have some exciting meetings coming up starting with our February meeting “Let’s talk coffee, the Lynwood experience” where Harry Croft will be, well, talking coffee! This will be on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> February at the Palmer Hall at 7.30pm. Our March meeting will be held on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> again at 7.30pm. Erin Baker is our guest speaker and she will be talking to us all about Thai cookery.

Keep an eye out for our posters and Facebook page for more details including the monthly competition. Non-members are also welcome; your first 3 meetings are free before joining up as a member.

## FAIRFORD COUNTRY MARKET

“Where everything is  
made or grown  
locally”

8.30 am – 11.30 am  
Every Wednesday in  
Fairford Community  
Centre.

Refreshments served  
until 11.15 am.  
Freshly made Bacon  
Rolls £1.50  
Filter Coffee £1.00  
Served inside in our cosy  
room.

Please come in and see  
what we have –  
Loaf cakes, scones,  
flapjack, brownies,  
cupcakes, Chelsea buns,  
lardy cake.  
Gluten Free also  
available.

Pies, pasties, chutneys,  
jams, local honey, free  
range eggs.

Also, craft items, knitted  
goods and gifts.

