

## NEW FAIRFORD NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The Fairford Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group has worked for several years to produce this draft version of our revised Neighbourhood Plan. We have consulted all interested parties, including a local public consultation in March 2019, and we are now carrying out a statutory consultation as the first part of the formal process.

The Plan contains policies to help preserve the historic character of Fairford, protect green spaces, ensure necessary infrastructure is provided on a timely basis, and ensure that development does not create or increase flood risk. Other policies seek to ensure that residential development is sustainable and low-carbon and protect/enhance the vitality and viability of our town centre.

Legislation and national guidance requires that our Plan is in line with CDC's Local Plan, which allocates 61 new homes in Fairford for the period to 2031. Our Plan directs new housing development to an area, close to the schools, between Leafield Road and the northern extension of Hatherop Road, where the risk of flooding and increased traffic congestion is minimised. We believe this is the most appropriate direction for the town to develop, a judgement which is supported by our own sustainability appraisal (carried out by Locality consultants AECOM) as well as in the sustainability appraisal for the Local Plan.

This draft Plan will now go to statutory consultees, interested parties and other stakeholders for consultation, and is also published on the Town Council's website, giving the opportunity for anyone interested to make comments. **The Deadline for making comments is Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2020.** All responses will be considered, and revisions may be made before the Plan is submitted to CDC. CDC will then publish the Plan and an Independent Examiner will determine whether the Plan can go to a referendum of the people of Fairford to decide whether it should be implemented. This whole process is expected to take until the middle of 2021.

Once accepted, the Neighbourhood Plan will become part of the development plan for the area, and Fairford will receive an increased share of the Community Infrastructure Levy for any new development.

To view the plan & associated Reg 14 documents please go to:  
<https://fairfordtowncouncil.gov.uk/town-council/neighbourhood-plan/>

*Cllr Jon Hill / Margaret Bishop*  
Joint Chairpersons



Cllr James Nicholls  
Fairford Town Mayor  
james@fairfordtowncouncil.gov.uk

OCTOBER 2020

## FAIRFORD FESTIVAL

Unfortunately, due to Covid-19 and the Government restrictions, Fairford Festival 2020 was not able to go ahead. The theme was going to be “Tudor” to observe the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of King Henry VIII visiting Fairford in August 1520. The Festival committee have decided to retain the Tudor theme for next year and can confirm that Fairford Festival will go ahead over the weekend of Friday 11<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2021 with Tudor-themed events such as minstrels, jugglers, a jester, falconry display, archery and even a King Henry VIII lookalike together with his six wives. Put the date in your diary and visit [www.fairfordfestival.org.uk](http://www.fairfordfestival.org.uk) for more information.

### What happened in Fairford 500 years ago in August 1520?

It would have been a very exciting time in Fairford in August 500 years ago with lots of hustle and bustle as townsfolk tidied up the town ready for a visit from the young 29 year old King Henry VIII and his small entourage.

In readiness for his stay with the Lord of the Manor, Sir Edmund Tame, the whole town was involved in getting Fairford spick and span as streets were swept, St Mary’s Church was cleaned, carts went out to get extra food from surrounding towns and young boys were sent out to catch as many rabbits as they could for the dinner table. And, even before the visit, the King’s Officers came to inspect the accommodation and facilities to make sure it was all fit for a king.

Sir Edmund rode out with his son, also called Edmund, and a small welcoming committee to meet the King on his arrival at Lechlade and escorted him back to Fairford. During his visit to Fairford, the King was feasted, entertained by minstrels, jugglers and jesters, went deer hunting, went to Church on Sunday and admired the beautiful – now world-famous – stained glass windows that were completed just three years before the King’s visit. King Henry had also knighted Sir Edmund’s teenage son, Edmund, who had made a great impression on the royal visitor. Whilst the King stayed with Sir Edmund in the ‘big house’, extra guests were accommodated in local houses or a camp set up north of the town. There must have been a large number of servants and horses to stable.

Fairford Festival is now looking forward to commemorating this Royal visit next year from 11<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> June 2021.

*Chris Roberts (Fairford Festival Committee member)*

## KEEP UP TO DATE WITH COUNCIL NEWS

Follow us on Twitter for up to date news and information from your Council. @fairfordcouncil Find us on Facebook - search for Fairford Town Council.

Fairford Town Council,  
Community Centre,  
High Street, Fairford,  
GL7 4AF

Tel: 01285 713326/712344

If you would like to contact us then please email:  
[clerks@fairfordtowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerks@fairfordtowncouncil.gov.uk)

Or visit our website:  
[fairfordtowncouncil.gov.uk](http://fairfordtowncouncil.gov.uk)

## NEXT MEETINGS

The next two Full Town Council Meetings will be on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> October and 10<sup>th</sup> November 7.00pm on Zoom – you are welcome to join us. Email the Council for an invitation to the meeting.



# COMMUNITY NEWS

## THE PALMER HALL IS OPEN AGAIN

The centrally-placed historic community hall has re-opened after the Covid-19 lockdown.

Classes started up again in the Palmer Hall at the beginning of September and include:

- Exercise Fitness Class on a Monday from 9.15am-10.15am – gentle exercise for the elderly;
- Zumba every Monday (except Bank Holidays) at 6.30pm;
- Heikina Ki Kai Karate on a Tuesday between 5pm-6.15pm and 6pm-7.15pm and on Saturday mornings between 9am-10.15am – all ages;
- Low Impact Fitness for 50+ every Wednesday at 9am;
- Ki Chi also every Wednesday between 11.30am-12.15pm.

The hall has benefitted from a £70,000 make-over and it is easy to meet safely in the Palmer Hall as there is an entrance door and a separate exit door. There are high ceilings and exclusive use of the facilities – toilets for male and female users and disabled users. All the facilities are carefully and thoroughly sanitised after each booking.

More classes will become available subject to Government restrictions and guidelines.

If you would like to hire a large, spacious hall for a small or large private event or meeting on a one-off or regular basis, please get in touch with Sue on 01285 712189, [Steveandsue-sjc@live.co.uk](mailto:Steveandsue-sjc@live.co.uk).

Why not have a virtual tour of the Palmer Hall and see what there is on offer:

[http://www.thepalmerhall.org/page\\_4138534.html](http://www.thepalmerhall.org/page_4138534.html).

*Chris Roberts (Palmer Hall Committee member)*

**WORKING FROM HOME, BUT NOT WISHING TO PUBLICISE YOUR HOME ADDRESS? FAIRFORD COMMUNITY CENTRE NOW OFFER A VIRTUAL TENANCY PACKAGE**

Fairford Community centre virtual tenancy package offers a business address and mail collection for virtual tenants. The package includes a post collection and holding service with access to your secure mailbox between 9am and 7pm, 7 days a week. The package starts at £20 per month with the additional benefit of discounted room hire for any meetings that you have with facilities ranging from 1:1 meetings to board room style for up to 24 delegates (when regulations allow). For more information email [manager@fccentre.co.uk](mailto:manager@fccentre.co.uk).



# COMMUNITY NEWS

## A VIRTUAL 70<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY FOR MR. FAIRFORD

One of Fairford's most proactive and community-minded citizens celebrated his 70<sup>th</sup> birthday on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> August. It was not the sort of celebration that he had probably envisaged or even wanted, as Trevor Hing is known in Fairford as a very sociable kind of guy and, on this his special birthday, he was not able to be with family and friends! In November 2018, Trevor had a serious fall which caused him to spend many months in hospital and which ultimately saw him being admitted to the Hyperion Care Home for long term care and nursing. Now, because of Covid-19, Trevor's family had to plan a virtual celebration with video messages to him from close friends in and around Fairford and his family from all over the country

Trevor Hing first came to Fairford with the RAF in the early 1970s, met his future wife Jenny in Lloyds Bank, Fairford and then got married in 1976. They have three children – Robert, Rebecca and Alicia. Over the years, Trevor has got involved with practically everything in Fairford and has been given the very fitting name of 'Mr Fairford'.

Always retaining his links with the RAF, Trevor was made an Honorary Commander of RAF Fairford and also acted as Fairford Town Council's liaison representative with the base for many years. It was while he was stationed at RAF Fairford and billeted in the Officers' Mess at South Cerney that Trevor got interested in amateur dramatics and continued his love of acting with FADS (Fairford Amateur Dramatic Society) and the Cotswold Arcadians.

Trevor was born a twin and was one of six children. His mother had the dubious distinction of having given birth to three sets of twins! That might explain why Trevor loves having people around him so much and why he threw himself into community events. His love of people motivated him to work tirelessly as Chair of Fairford Festival for over 20 years, bringing fun and happiness to people of all ages in the Cotswold market town. He helped to organise the VE day celebrations of 1995, the Millennium celebrations in 2000 and the Queen's Golden Jubilee celebrations in 2002.

### 24HR ACCESSIBLE DEFIBRILLATOR LOCATIONS:

There are 5 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.
- **NEW! Bowls Club, East End.**

Other defibrillators are available during operating hours at:

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



One of Trevor Hing's finest achievements was leading the project team that bought Fairford Community Centre for the community and supervising the renovation and extension of the 282 year old building.

Trevor has been a member of the fundraising Quenington Bulldogs for around 20 years and has helped to raise over £50,000 for local charitable causes. He was also a Trustee for the Lady Mico Trust that donates to local good causes. He has been a Special Constable, Vice President of Fairford Rugby Club, an active member of Fairford Cricket Club, a member of Fairford Bowls Club, chair of Fairford Emergency Action Group and a committee member of Cirencester Golf Club. He has also helped set up and run various youth clubs and initiatives and has been a governor of Farmor's School and Coln House School.

He will probably be mostly remembered as a Fairford Town Councillor and twice Mayor of the town from 1991-1993 and 1999-2001. Fairford's current Deputy Mayor, Richard Harrison said: "I have lived in Fairford for 26 years and Trevor was an outstanding figure in the community for as long as I can remember – a rock of wisdom and good sense on the Council and someone whose advice you could always rely on." Former Fairford Mayor, Jennie Sanford echoed those sentiments and said: "Without Trevor's support, I would have found the task of being Mayor very difficult. If it wasn't for Trevor's involvement in and enthusiasm for the town, Fairford would now be a very different place."

In 2012, Trevor was awarded an MBE by HM The Queen in the New Year's Honours.

*Article and photo by Cllr Chris Roberts*



## REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

Remembrance Sunday this year falls on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> November. Sadly, although we wish we could all gather inside St Mary's as usual, COVID this year means we need to do things a little differently. We invite the community to gather outside in the High Street below the War Memorial at 10:50am, keeping social distance of 2m between each bubble. A short 20 minute service will be led from beside the Memorial, including the naming of the fallen, the 2 minute silence and the laying of wreaths. This year, more than any other the importance of witnessing and remembering the self-sacrifice and loving service of others cannot be underestimated. We look forward to seeing you there.



# Welcome back to Fairford Library!

Our current opening times are:

Monday	10am – 1pm 2pm – 5pm	OPEN OPEN
Tuesday	CLOSED	
Wednesday	2pm – 5pm	OPEN
Thursday	10am – 1pm 2pm – 5pm	Collection Services only OPEN
Friday	CLOSED	
Saturday	CLOSED	
Sunday	CLOSED	(Our times are subject to change)

We will ask you to please wear a mask, use our hand sanitiser and please do not visit us if you are showing virus symptoms.

We look forward to seeing you!

The Library



COUNTRY  
MARKETS  
COOK • CRAFT • GROW

IN THE  
COMMUNITY CENTRE, FAIRFORD

# WE ARE BACK!

RE OPENING ON  
**WEDNESDAY 7<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER**  
9.00 – 11.00am

SELLING OUR USUAL  
\* CAKES \* PASTRIES \* COOKIES \*  
PRESERVES \* JAMS \* CRAFTS \*

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU ALL AGAIN

Contact: 01285 713075  
USUAL PROTECTION RULES APPLY PLEASE

# COMMUNITY NEWS

## COMMUNITY CENTRE

Fairford Community Centre reopened on 1<sup>st</sup> September. We would like to thank all of our users for respecting our guidelines and ensuring the community centre remains a safe and COVID Secure Venue. We have a one-way system in place with hand sanitiser at the entrance and exit, and contact details must be left for NHS Trace and Test. For more details and to view what's on and our risk assessment please visit our website [www.fairfordcommunitycentre.org](http://www.fairfordcommunitycentre.org). Many groups have returned, and we are also pleased to share some new groups that have started with us:

**Hula Beans** - An adult beginners hula hoop course. Tuesday's and Wednesday's at 7.30pm. A children's course is launching after half term. The course is a great way to exercise, improve your co-ordination and have fun! For more details contact Mel via email [melza@backtobean.co.uk](mailto:melza@backtobean.co.uk)

**Meditation and Relaxation** - Shilpa from Nirvana healing house is running meditation and gong relaxation classes on Monday and Friday evenings. To book your place or for more details email Shilpa at [nirvanahealinghouse@gmail.com](mailto:nirvanahealinghouse@gmail.com)

And we are now home to, Lizzie Skinner and **Back to Bean HQ** *"Based on the first floor at the Community Centre, it's a safe and happy place. Intended to help and support people to live happier and to learn how to look after all they are! Adult, child, human! Classes, workshops and one to ones available at all range of prices. Baby Beans for newborn families, Bimble Beans for toddlers and their carers, WellBeaning course for children. Short courses, one offs, all to help with Mental Health, joy and wonder! It's a Covid Secure Space where we adhere to all the rules. But I do believe we need to be looking after our minds in these weird and often worrying times!*

*As a Trauma Informed Therapeutic Mentor with qualifications in teaching hope, happiness, positivity and more. Plus lived experience of mental quiriness and hard times! Never has my work been more important. I consider myself to be here to help you. My intentions are good and my practice creative, fun, motivating and inspiring. So, whether you need a compassionate hand, or a motivating plan.... There has never "Bean" a better time to reach out! Call 07786 072601 [lizzie@backtobean.co.uk](mailto:lizzie@backtobean.co.uk) and start the conversation. The first step so often the hardest, but the one that takes you the farthest"*



People For You is now in its 11<sup>th</sup> year, providing a much valued volunteer befriending service in the communities of Fairford, Lechlade and neighbouring villages.

People For You offers regular companionship at a time when a person might be feeling cut off from their community. We provide an ever expanding high-quality service to prevent and reduce isolation and loneliness. I am delighted to announce that People For You has agreed funding from The Friends of Fairford & Lechlade

If you feel you would benefit from having a regular visitor, please do get in touch with Sue who will call to visit you or, if you have an hour to spare a week, again please get in touch.

[Sue.peopleforyou@grcc.org.uk](mailto:Sue.peopleforyou@grcc.org.uk)

Mobile: 07810 630167



## COVID-19: ADAPTING TO A NEW NORMAL

Pandemic has (so we are told) long been top of the National Risk Register. Now it is here with a disease that is highly infectious, particularly dangerous to our elderly population, and shows no symptoms in a high proportion of younger people, making the spread difficult to detect and control.

National figures show a rise in cases since the beginning of July, and the increase in hospital admissions since the beginning of September indicates an actual rise in infections since early August. With winter approaching, people spending more time indoors and colds and flu with similar symptoms putting a burden on the testing system, the situation is likely to get even more challenging. It is particularly important that older and more vulnerable people get vaccinated against flu this year, for this and other reasons. A vaccine for COVID-19 remains only a hope, at least for the time being. This is no time for complacency.

Thankfully, the level of cases in Cotswold District remains relatively low. As of the end of September we are actually close to 'Zero COVID' in Fairford, although it only takes one person to start an outbreak. The main risk to our community is of infections brought in from elsewhere. Those working or travelling where they are likely to have come into contact with infected people need to minimise their contacts here and it is vital that they self-isolate if required to do so. If this includes you, remember that you can get help with shopping etc. while self-isolating if you contact our Clerks on **01285-712344/713266**.

What does this mean for local hotels, pubs and restaurants, which are an important part of local community life as well as the economy? Focusing on local business rather than visitors, or avoiding mixing with these, clearly helps to minimise the risk from imported infections. This may be difficult for some.

Businesses need to consider particularly how they can serve their older and more vulnerable clientele in a genuinely COVID-safe way if there are new cases. The risk from airborne infection indoors can be reduced by good ventilation, but this is technically complex and more difficult to ensure in winter months. Changing focus, e.g. providing take-away services on a longer-term basis, may be one answer.

This will be the 'New Normal' until either there is an effective vaccine or COVID-19 can be eliminated by some other means.

*Cllr Richard Harrison*