

## MAYOR'S INTRODUCTION

It has been an honour and a privilege to have become the Mayor of Fairford earlier this year. 2020 has been an unusual year and one that has been challenging and difficult for many of the residents of Fairford. However, with the Fairfordian grit and spirit, we have seen many positive things happen. It was fantastic to see the huge number of volunteers come forward to assist the vulnerable and those self-isolating. I would like to thank every one of you!

I would like to take the opportunity to thank all those who have supported the Town Council this year, fellow Councillor's, the Clerks, ECT, RBL, local businesses, charities, organisations and individuals.

This year we, unfortunately, had to cancel much loved events, however we were pleased to continue putting up our traditional Commonwealth flags around the town, adding some colour and cheer.

On Remembrance Sunday, in partnership with the Royal British Legion and St. Mary's Church, a service of Remembrance was held at the War Memorial, to honour our fallen. This was live streamed to residents, so everyone could be included.

Prior to this article, we are looking forward to putting up the Christmas trees and lights, that I hope everyone enjoys.



On Behalf of Fairford Town Council, I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a very happy, healthy and prosperous New Year

**Cllr James Nicholls**  
Mayor



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**DECEMBER 2020**



## TOWN COUNCIL OFFICE CHRISTMAS OPENING HOURS

The Town Council office will be closed from 23<sup>rd</sup> December and will re-open on 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021.

## HELP FOR THOSE WHO ARE SELF-ISOLATING

If you have been told that you must self-isolate and think you might need help with shopping, collecting medication or anything else, you can contact the Town Council and we will try to help. You can call us on 01285 712344 or email us with the subject “we need help” on [clerks@fairfordtowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerks@fairfordtowncouncil.gov.uk).

If you are willing to volunteer to help those who may need assistance, please get in touch. Email [clerks@fairfordtowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerks@fairfordtowncouncil.gov.uk) with the subject “Volunteer”, please include your contact details and what you’re able to do. Ring 01285 712344 instead if you are unable to email.

## CHRISTMAS BIN COLLECTION DATES

**Holiday Changes**  
Christmas & New Year 2020/21

**Food waste** collection due on **Friday 25 December** will be made on **Monday 28 December 2020**

**Refuse and recycling** collection due on **Friday 1 January** will be made on **Tuesday 5 January 2021**

**Food waste** collection due on **Friday 8 January** will be made on **Monday 11 January 2021**

**Refuse and recycling** collection due on **Friday 15 January** will be made on **Saturday 16 January 2021**

Friday 9 October  
Friday 23 October  
Friday 6 November  
Friday 20 November  
Friday 4 December  
Friday 18 December  
Tuesday 5 January  
Saturday 16 January  
Friday 29 January  
Friday 12 February  
Friday 26 February  
Friday 12 March  
Friday 26 March

Please make sure your recycling is presented in the correct containers

## 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.

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

## NEXT MEETINGS

The next two Full Town Council Meetings will be on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December and 12<sup>th</sup> January 2021 7.00pm on Zoom – you are welcome to join us. Email the Council for an invitation to the meeting.



# COMMUNITY NEWS



## FRIENDS OF FAIRFORD & LECHLADE COMMUNITIES

(Reg. Charity No: 1180059)

(Formerly League of Friends of Fairford Hospital)

### *News and Information from your Community Friends*

#### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Due to the continuation of Covid-19 restrictions in relation to public gatherings, a joint League of Friends and Friends of Fairford and Lechlade Communities AGM will be held via Zoom on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> December at 7.00 p.m. If you would like to attend please let our Administrator, Christine Barker ([fairford.lof@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:fairford.lof@hotmail.co.uk)) know and she will advise the co-ordinates for the call.

**Please do join us to hear about our activities.**

#### 100 CLUB – 2021

We are especially keen this year to increase membership of our 100 Club as we have been unable to raise funding through other means due to Covid-19. If you are already a member and pay annually by cheque please forward your cheque for £12 to Jeff Dawson, Glen Lea, High Street, Meysey Hampton, GL7 5JW. If you are not yet a member and wish to join please see our website ([www.friendsoffairford.org.uk](http://www.friendsoffairford.org.uk)) or contact Christine Barker on: 07767 408409 or email: [Fairford.lof@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:Fairford.lof@hotmail.co.uk) for further information.

Half of all the money raised each year is distributed in cash prizes, the remaining half is added to our charitable funds.

#### COVID-19 COMMUNITY FUNDING SUPPORT – REMAINS OPEN FOR APPLICATIONS

The Community Friends' Covid-19 Support Fund established to provide financial support to local organisations, charities, volunteer groups, families and individuals who have been impacted by Covid-19 remains open for applications. To date from 54 applications grants of approximately £51,200 have been made providing financial support to 37 different charities, organisations, families and individuals within our area of benefit.

Please refer to our website for details of how to apply and the criteria we use to assess applications ([www.friendsoffairford.org.uk](http://www.friendsoffairford.org.uk)).

#### CHRISTMAS 2020

Christmas is going to be very different for many of us this year. A lot of the family and community activities will be different, or will not happen, but we do wish everyone well through the festive season and beyond. Please remember to look out for friends and neighbours and we hope everyone keeps safe.

If you want to make a donation you can do so online through our website [www.friendsoffairford.org.uk](http://www.friendsoffairford.org.uk) or by sending cheques made out to 'Friends of Fairford' and posting to Ms Andrena Miles, AMM Bookkeeping and Accountancy, 2nd Floor, 11 High Street, Fairford, Gloucestershire GL7 4AD

Information on what we do can be found on our website [www.friendsoffairford.org.uk](http://www.friendsoffairford.org.uk).

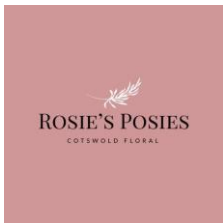
## WORKING FROM HOME, BUT NOT WISHING TO PUBLICISE YOUR HOME ADDRESS? FAIRFORD COMMUNITY CENTRE NOW OFFER A VIRTUAL TENANCY PACKAGE

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).





**WE WERE NOT ABLE TO PUT ON THE FESTIVE MARKET THIS YEAR, HOWEVER IN THE FOLLOWING PAGES YOU WILL FIND INSPIRATION FOR CHRISTMAS FROM MANY OF THE STALL HOLDERS**



## Rosie's Posies

COTSWOLD FLORAL

We are delivering bespoke Christmas door wreaths in and around Fairford on the following dates –Saturday mornings of Nov 28<sup>th</sup> – Dec 5<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>  
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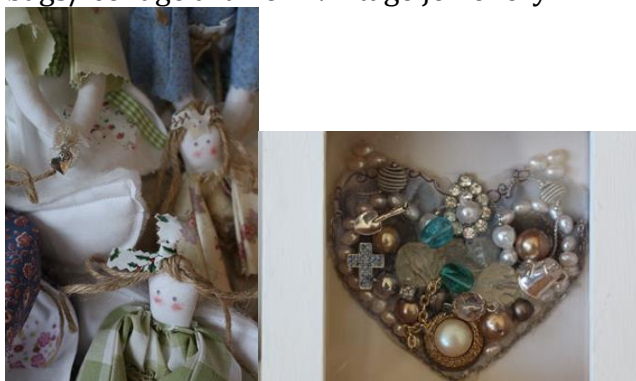


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Have a floral Christmas with Fairford Flower Collective! We are topped up with holly and ivy and ready to spruce your home and front door with traditional and original designs. And we'll be keeping our decorations as biodegradable as possible making for a greener Christmas. Door wreaths (both DIY and ready-made), swags, table centres and garlands, we are ready to start getting Christmassy!

Contact Ruth on 07799527758  
[www.fairfordflowercollective.com](http://www.fairfordflowercollective.com)

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For the first time ever, the complete history of the Air Tattoo, from its birth in 1971 to the present day, has been captured in a beautifully illustrated book written by renowned aviation journalist Ben Dunnell and features hundreds of dramatic photos, many taken by some of the world's leading aircraft photographers.

Charting the growth of the Air Tattoo from its modest beginnings at North Weald airfield, the book describes how a small band of volunteers with a shared passion for aviation - and encouraged by legendary aviators including Battle of Britain ace Group Captain Sir Douglas Bader and Concorde test pilot Brian Trubshaw - went on to create one of the most loved and respected airshows in the world.

Author Ben Dunnell said: "The Air Tattoo has always been the place to be — and that goes right back to its earliest days. As a meeting-place for the world's air arms, united in friendship, this show is unrivalled. What's more, it has actively helped foster new alliances . . . as well as being a very exciting event, of course. In writing this book, that side of the Air Tattoo's history has been as important as all the great personal memories."

Insightful, fascinating and at times humorous, Air Tattoo 50 – The Story of the World's Greatest Airshow (RRP £30+p&p), is being published to mark the airshow's 50th anniversary in 2021 and is available from [www.airtattoo50book.com](http://www.airtattoo50book.com).

We've been baking brownies from our coffee shop here in Fairford since 2004 and are now delighted that we can offer a postal service to anywhere in the UK. For more details contact us via social media or else call the shop on 01285 712918 and speak to Lizzie or Simon



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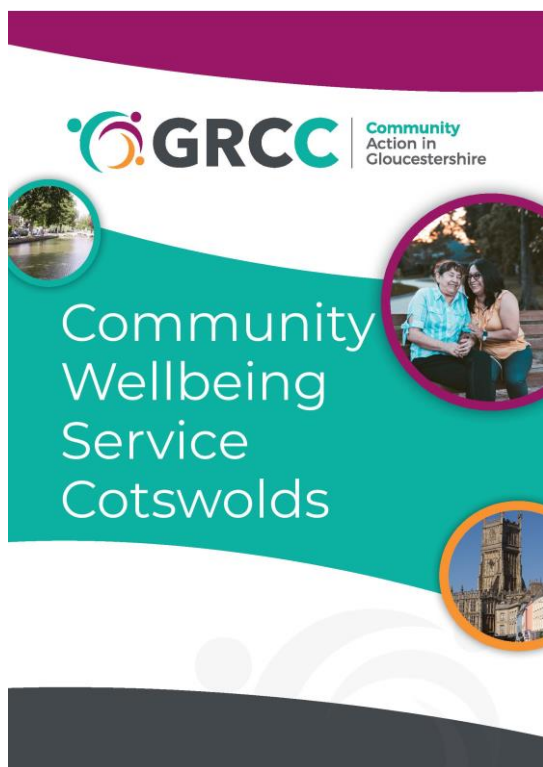


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The Community Wellbeing Service in the Cotswold district is open to anyone who is aged 16 or over and they must be living in the Cotswolds or registered with a Cotswold GP. The aim of the Community Wellbeing Service Social Prescribers is to help improve health and wellbeing of individuals. A variety of things affect people's wellbeing –we see people having problems with housing and finance, to mental health and emotional wellbeing. We offer support and guidance on many topics including for carers and those feeling isolated. We accept referrals from a GP or health professional, but also by community groups, friends, family, neighbours and also self referrals.

To get in contact for queries or referrals, please call 07738 106384 or email [cws.grcc@nhs.net](mailto:cws.grcc@nhs.net).

<https://www.grcc.org.uk/individuals-and-families/community-wellbeing-service>

## VACANCIES ON THE TOWN COUNCIL TO BE FILLED BY CO-OPTION

Following the resignations of two Councillors, and after no requests to hold an election were lodged with CDC, the positions will be filled by Co-option at the Full Council Meeting on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December. Anyone wishing to be considered for co-option should get in touch with the Town Clerks before Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December.

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