

## MAYOR'S INTRODUCTION

I hope you are all keeping safe and enjoying the sunshine. What a fabulous weekend we had for the Royal International Air Tattoo. It was great to see so many Fairford businesses thriving with all our visitors. It wasn't so long ago that we had another sunny weekend for the fantastic Fairford Festival – I would like to give a big thank you to all the organisers of the Festival, what a spectacular weekend it was. A massive thank you to all the residents of Fairford, and beyond, who came out and gave their support to the Festival and the Jubilee celebrations.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Jon Hill and Gill Stopka for all their excellent work whilst they were Councillors. Jon is still very much a part of the Neighbourhood Plan team, and we all appreciate him staying on to see this important project to fruition. Following the election on 21<sup>st</sup> July, we have a new Councillor, and you will be able to find more out about him in the September edition.

As I am sure many of you are aware, the portaloo in the Walnut Tree Field was removed after it was vandalized. The people responsible were identified thanks to the CCTV in the park and the police dealt with the matter. Both perpetrators have written to apologise to the Council and have acknowledged that their actions had a really negative impact on the vast majority of people who used that facility in the park. The Council has considered the matter again and has resolved to install a portaloo in the park once again, on a temporary basis. The situation will be monitored, and if necessary, the unit will be removed.

Following a request from a resident, the Town Council has created a new page on the website as a home for your wonderful wildlife photographs taken in Fairford. More information can be found inside the Newsletter.

The last summer evening market takes place on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> August – do come along and enjoy this fabulous event.

Best wishes

Steve



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Fairford Town Mayor  
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**AUGUST 2022**

## MEET YOUR NEW COUNCILLORS

### CLLR TIM LAFFORD

*"I'm Tim your friendly local Postie. I've been working in Fairford for 12 years now, living here for 8 and as the sign says...it's a good place to be! I'm a happy chap and very approachable which makes me a good addition to your local council. It's a pleasure to be on board*



*Tim sits on the Works & Events Committee.*

tim@fairfordtowncouncil.gov.uk

### MARIA SHANKLAND

*"I'm fairly new to Fairford, but from the start, my family and myself had a very warm welcome. There are so many enthusiastic people and great ideas making Fairford a good place to be. I hope that with my previous experience and involvement in some transport initiatives I can bring some of these ideas into life."*



Maria sits on the Planning Committee.

maria@fairfordtowncouncil.gov.uk

### WALNUT TREE FIELD & SKATE PARK

Following on from the public consultation held on 20<sup>th</sup> June, Gravity have been chosen as the contractor to install a new skate park in Fairford. The next steps include refining the design, gaining any planning permission required and most importantly raising the funds to pay for the project. More information on fundraising can be found on the back page of the Newsletter.

The Council will shortly be replacing the traverse elements on the trim trail. We would appreciate your patience whilst this work is carried out.

### MONDAY NIGHT YOUTH CLUB SUMMER OPENING:

Sessions will run as normal on 25<sup>th</sup> July, 1<sup>st</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> August, 6.30pm – 8.00pm at the Community Centre. The youth club will be closed on 29<sup>th</sup> August due to the bank holiday.

**"Party in the Park" on 8<sup>th</sup> Aug from 1.00-5.00pm.** Sessions will return to normal on **5<sup>th</sup> September.**

### 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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clerks@fairfordtowncouncil.gov.uk

Or visit our website:  
fairfordtowncouncil.gov.uk

### NEXT MEETINGS

The next two Full Town Council Meetings will be on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> September and 11<sup>th</sup> October at 7.00pm in the Fairford Community Centre.

**NO MEETINGS IN AUGUST**



# COMMUNITY NEWS

Saturday 25th June saw Fairford Youth Football Club host its inaugural 5-A-Side Tournament at its Horcott Road ground in Fairford. An incredible 58 teams from across Gloucestershire and Wiltshire entered the tournament bringing around 450 boys and girls to play in the four different age groups from Under 7's through to Under 10's. All in all, 154 matches were completed throughout the day and Fairford's very own U9 Typhoons and U10 Ospreys ended up triumphant in their respective age groups. The entire tournament was played in a fantastic spirit, with no shortage of quality, sportsmanship and respect being shown by all teams.

Alongside the football, there were bouncy castles and penalty shoot outs to keep the children entertained between games with a BBQ, refreshments and a sweet stall to keep players and supporters fuelled and ready! Many thanks go out to all the local businesses and clubs that supported with raffle prizes, donations and offers of assistance on the day and in the build-up to the event.

Special mention to Matt and Laura Carpenter for taking on the enormous task of organising the tournament ably supported by their families, FYFC Committee members, coaches and parents who all gave their time so generously. The day was a resounding success, and we look forward to an even bigger and better event in 2023!!!



*Fairford Youth Football Club is an FA Accredited club that was established in 1976 and provides opportunities for over 250 boys and girls from Fairford, Lechlade and the surrounding villages to play football in a safe and welcoming environment. This season we will be operating 17 teams in the North Wilts Youth Football League starting in the Under 7's right up through to Under 16's. All our coaches hold Safeguarding, DBS and First Aid qualifications alongside their FA coaching qualifications, and we actively encourage (and pay for) any parents/carers that want to start out on their coaching journey to help us to continue to grow.*

## FAIRFORD HISTORY SOCIETY

The next meeting is on  
**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> September** at 7.30pm  
at Fairford Community  
Centre

Edwin Cuss will show us  
his collection of the  
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This is the membership  
renewal meeting which  
remains at £5.

Visitors are welcome to  
attend meetings at £3  
per session

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)





## FAIRFORD WILDLIFE PHOTOGRAPHS

A new page has been created on the FTC website:

<https://fairfordtowncouncil.gov.uk/explore/fairford-wildlife/>.

We would like to invite residents to email their photos of wildlife they have spotted around Fairford that can be published on our website for everyone to enjoy.

Please email your pictures to:

wildlife@fairfordtowncouncil.gov.uk

The guidelines for submissions are:

- Wildlife spotted in Fairford only.
- No people in the photos.
- Photos will be uploaded periodically at the editor's discretion.
- No fees will be paid.
- Submission implies permission to reproduce the photos.
- A maximum of 10 photos per person per month to be submitted.

The Council will choose one photograph each year and the winner will receive an award at the Annual Town Meeting.

## FAIRFORD & DISTRICT MEN'S SHED

OUR DOORS ARE NOW OPEN

The Shed offers a space where you can:

Meet up with like-minded people in a friendly atmosphere

Learn new skills and share your knowledge with others

Use the facilities to work on your projects/hobbies and

practical projects for your community

Pass on your own skills to others

Present members have interests in wood and metal work,

model railways, photography, computing, electronics

classic cars/motorcycles but whatever your interests come

along and let us know as we may be able to help, or you

may also be able to help us!

It may be that you are experiencing anxiety, loneliness,

bereavement, poor health or just want to 'get out of the

house'. If so, come along for a cuppa and a chat to see if the

Men's Shed can help you. Alternatively contact us through

our website: [www.fairfordmensshed.co.uk](http://www.fairfordmensshed.co.uk) or via e-mail:

[admin@fairfordmensshed.co.uk](mailto:admin@fairfordmensshed.co.uk).

Fairford & District Men's Shed is open on every Wednesday

morning in the Old Carpenters Workshop, next to the

Dovecote, off Park St, Fairford, from 9.30am - 12.30pm.

**We look forward to seeing you there.**

## 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.
- 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.



# COMMUNITY NEWS

## FRIENDS OF FAIRFORD & LECHLADE COMMUNITIES

### THANK YOU

The Community Friends are very grateful for all the time given and effort made to bring back our House-to-House Collection in 2022. Thank you to all our supporters that volunteered and donated - together, we raised a huge £17,435.50! This will help us continue provide our vital health and social support to the local community.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

29<sup>th</sup> July: Open Gardens at Eastleach 2 - 6pm: These inspiring gardens cover 14 acres and include a walled garden, a stone rill, south-facing lawns and a 10 acre park. Tickets £7 available on the gate, no need to book.

25<sup>th</sup> September: Pamper Afternoon at Fairford Community Centre. Indulge yourself in a mini treatment, products also available to purchase. Booking in advance recommended: [admin@friendsoffairford.org.uk](mailto:admin@friendsoffairford.org.uk) or 01285 707300.

### LUNCH CLUBS

We hope to bring back our lunch clubs for the elderly towards the end of the year, to provide a meal and social interaction for those at risk of loneliness or isolation. If you know somebody that would benefit from this, or would be able to volunteer to help, please get in touch to be added to our interest list: Contact Kerry on [admin@friendsoffairford.org.uk](mailto:admin@friendsoffairford.org.uk) / 01285 707300.

### PRESCRIPTION SERVICE

The Friends of Fairford and Lechlade Communities are offering a free prescription delivery service in our local area. If you, or anyone you know, is entitled to free prescriptions but is unable to collect them, please call or email our patient transport coordinator who can provide more information: Val Harvey on 07540 798226 or [transport@friendsoffairford.org.uk](mailto:transport@friendsoffairford.org.uk).

### BEREAVEMENT CAFÉ

Run by the Friends of Fairford and Lechlade Communities Nursing Team. A drop in café for anyone that has suffered a loss and would like to talk. First Friday of every month in The Heritage Room, Fairford Community Centre, 10.00am to 12.00 noon. No booking required. Donations welcome. If you have any questions, please call 07938244335 or email [admin@friendsoffairford.org.uk](mailto:admin@friendsoffairford.org.uk)



### CAN YOU HELP US?

We are seeking volunteers to help us in our Lechlade Charity Shop and as volunteer drivers for our Patient Transport Service. If you can spare a few hours a week, please do get in touch:

Charity Shop: call Linda on **01367 252189**, email [shop@friendsoffairford.org.uk](mailto:shop@friendsoffairford.org.uk) or [pop in to speak to a member of the team.](#)

Patient Transport: Val Harvey on **07540 798226** or [\*\*transport@friendsoffairford.org.uk\*\*](mailto:transport@friendsoffairford.org.uk).





## WORKING 4 WELLBEING

### Volunteers

On the 7<sup>th</sup> of June, to mark the occasion of National Volunteer Week, we invited our family of volunteers to come and celebrate with us at a coffee morning in the 7a Café. We had over 20 volunteers attend, and it was a great opportunity for people to meet, relax in the sunshine and receive a little certificate of thanks from us in honour of all their hard work and time given so generously.



### Talking Cafes

At the Fairford Café, we have been enjoying making the most of the warmer weather with seating out in the courtyard. Attendance is steady and we are grateful for the support of our volunteers both in the kitchen and out amongst the guests.

### Wellbeing Walks

We have completed three wellbeing walks in Fairford on 15<sup>th</sup> May, 26<sup>th</sup> June and 3<sup>rd</sup> July. These are gentle walks to suit all abilities in and around Fairford, offering an opportunity to bring people together for a social stroll and a slice of cake during a Sunday afternoon, which can be a lonely time for many. Our next walk is planned from Quenington to Coln at 3pm on 11<sup>th</sup> September.

### Digital Inclusion

We continue to build on our digital provision and have now implemented two drop-in sessions each week: in Fairford (Heritage Room) Tuesdays 9.30am – 10.30am, and in Lechlade (Jo Szerencset Café) Thursdays 9.30am – 10.30am. These sessions are there to offer support to our guests on basic computing skills, with the opportunity to move up to a higher skill level of support during weekend drop-in's provided by one of our volunteers.

The Digi Bus will be returning to Fairford in August with exact dates still to be confirmed.

Please contact Mary Ann to book your session: 07555 738138.





## WORKING 4 WELLBEING CONT'D

### Ukrainian Youth Group

Thanks to the offer of a free space by the Fairford Community Centre, we have been able to provide a weekly youth group on Mondays from 4pm - 5pm for the young people of the families visiting from Ukraine. Working 4 Wellbeing have supported the event by organising the space, checking the families in, and providing refreshments. There will be a break to this provision over the summer holidays, but if the need is there, the event will come back again in the Autumn. **We are looking for volunteers from September onwards to help us keep this provision up and running. The volunteers' duties will include welcoming the families, directing them to the Youth room, serving refreshments and staying to 5pm to ensure that the families have tidied their games away. If you think that you could help with this, please contact Rachel: 07385 569303.**

In addition to the youth group, we are supporting the weekly Sunflower Café organised by Carol Doherty, which is held on Monday mornings from 10am – 12pm at the Fairford United Church for our Ukrainian residents. If you are hosting a family and are not aware of this gathering, **please contact Carol: 07710 502168**

### Intergenerational Board Game Afternoon

Working 4 Wellbeing prides itself on being a charity that is community led, and when a few of our Talking Café guests suggested they would love us to organise an intergenerational family board game afternoon to bring young and old together to share some fun and maybe surprise each other with new skills, we made it happen. Our first event will take place at the Fairford Community Centre on **18<sup>th</sup> September from 3pm – 5pm**. If the demand is there, we will make this a regular event, watch this space...**Contact Mary Ann if you would like to join in: 07555 738138.**

### Bishop of Gloucester visits Working 4 Wellbeing

We were extremely honoured to welcome the Bishop of Gloucester, Rachel Treweek, through our doors on the 5<sup>th</sup> July. She was accompanied by Reverend John Swanton, and spent time meeting our Trustees, volunteers, and guests. It was a wonderful opportunity to talk about all that we are doing, to exchange ideas and information on similar projects, and to share our hopes for the future. Considering we have only been in existence for one year and have only achieved charity status within the last six months, her visit was a wonderful encouragement.



## FAIRFORD SKATE PARK!! – WE NEED YOUR HELP

At the public consultation held on 20<sup>th</sup> June, the design concept from Gravity was chosen as the preferred design. There are still tweaks to be made and further consultations will be held with interested parties.

To make this dream a reality, we need to raise £95,000. Gloucestershire County Council has pledged £20,000 for which we are incredibly grateful. The Town Council is pledging funding, but we need your help to find the rest. The Town Council will be setting up a crowdfunding campaign for you to pledge your support for this exciting project. Every donation will help. Please think about supporting the young people in your community by helping to make this project a success.

If you are interested in helping to fundraise for this project or would like to donate towards it, we would love to hear from you. Please contact [clerks@fairfordtowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerks@fairfordtowncouncil.gov.uk).

More details on the crowdfunding campaign will be published shortly.

