

FAIRFORD NEWS

FAIRFORD TOWN COUNCIL

MAYOR'S INTRODUCTION

Welcome to this month's newsletter. As newly appointed Mayor of Fairford I'm going to start with a quick introduction: My name is Adie Baker and I've been a resident of Fairford for over 40 years. I have been a part of the Town Council for 3 years. I went to school at Farmor's and also played football for Fairford. I worked locally, at Godwin Pumps, for 37 years.

I am looking forward to my new role and the challenges it may bring and will do my utmost to make this already great Town even better.

I would like to thank Cllr Richard Harrison for the immense amount of work that he does for the Council and for his dedication to the office of Chairman & Mayor.

I would like to welcome two new Councillors, Tom Whittingham and Mike Trinder who were elected uncontested on 29th April – you can find out more about them inside the Newsletter.

The Council has lots of exciting plans for small, but important, improvements to the fabric of the Town that you will see over the coming weeks and months – improvements to the surface of Bull Alley, working with Fairford Arts Society members to create an exciting new look for the bus shelter in the Market Place and installing water butts in the allotments to encourage sustainable water usage.

The Council is putting on a skate event in August run by ATBSkate – more information will be available closer to the time.

The Summer is a busy time in Fairford- we have Fairford Festival in June, Fairfest and the Steam Rally in August. Following the success of the evening market in May, there will be another on Wednesday 24th June – do come along.

Best wishes
Adie

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JUNE - JULY 2026

EVENTS FOR 2026

- **Fairford Festival**
5th – 7th June
- **Royal International Air Tattoo**
17th -19th July
- **Fairfest**
7th – 9th August
- **Fairford Steam Show**
15th – 16th August



MEET YOUR NEW COUNCILLORS

TOM WHITTINGHAM

Tom served in the RAF for 34 years as aircrew (weapons systems officer) and enjoyed overseas tours in Norway and Oman. Since leaving the RAF he has worked as an aerospace consultant for Nova Systems. Apart from operational flying, Tom has experience as a strategic planner, test and evaluation officer, in capability delivery and as a project manager.



Tom first moved to the area in 2007 and moved into Fairford in 2021 where he intends to stay. He has been heavily involved with Bowmoor Sailing Club management since 2014 and is still an active sailing instructor. His other interests include cooking, walking, cycling and the natural environment. He is divorced, has two children and 2 grandchildren.

MIKE TRINDER

Mike Trinder recently moved to Fairford with his wife and has quickly come to appreciate what a special place it is. Keen to give something back to the community, he is looking forward to supporting the Town Council in its work for local residents.



Professionally, Mike works in consulting, helping organisations solve problems and improve how they operate. He hopes to bring a practical, collaborative approach to his role as a councillor and is particularly interested in the local issues that shape day-to-day life in the town.

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Or visit our website:
fairfordtowncouncil.gov.uk

NEXT MEETINGS

The next two Full Town Council Meetings will be on Tuesday 9th June and Tuesday 14th July at 7.00pm in Fairford Community Centre.



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• AT ST MARY'S •

CONCERT

THE NORTH SWINDON BIG BAND



Church of St Mary the Virgin Fairford
7:30pm Saturday 11th July 2026

Join us for an evening feast of jazz and swing classics
Tickets £15. Available via [eventbrite.co.uk](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk) (fees apply)
or cash at Fairford opticians from 1st June (01285 713313)

FAIRFORD TREE WARDENS NEEDED!

We are looking for volunteer tree wardens to help us respond to tree applications. If you are interested in trees and would like to know more, please contact

TreeWardenScheme@gloucestershire.gov.uk

Or call the Town Council office on 01285 712344



FAIRFORD TOWN COUNCIL SUPPORTS FAIRFORD STEAM

Another year on and the Fairford Steam Show team are already busy organising another fabulous event for the weekend of Saturday and Sunday August 15th and 16th together with the ever-popular Steam in the Square event on Friday 14th August from 5.00pm in Fairford Market Place.

Fairford Town Council is pleased to once again support this fantastic community event that showcases and supports local businesses and what's good about Fairford.

The Show not only directly benefits local businesses but also helps local good causes and charities raise funds for their organisation by having a stall at the Show. Local hospitality businesses and food and drink outlets are especially well attended during the Steam in the Square event on the Friday night with one business owner claiming: "This is our biggest night of the year!"

The Bull Hotel's inside bar will be open, as well as an outside bar in the Market Place where you can order drinks and food and – new for this year – real ale on tap!

Over the weekend, Fairford Cricket Club will once again be running their well-stocked and affordable bar in the Show's Beer Tent on site thanks to Kevin Smart and his team!!

Steam Show organisers will also be providing a hop-on-hop-off bus to and from Fairford again courtesy of and thanks to Ellisons Coaches.

This is Fairford Steam's fourth year back and organiser, Steve Evans said: "I'm thrilled to say that exhibitor numbers are once again well up on previous years. I would like to thank Fairford Town Council for supporting this very popular community event."

Fairford Steam Show is run by volunteers and relies heavily on sponsorship and advertising. The Steam team would love to hear from any business or organisation that would like to advertise in the Show Programme. There are various sizes of adverts available at reasonable prices. If any individual or business would like to offer sponsorship, there are some great incentives available to show the Steam team's gratitude for your support.

To discuss advertising or sponsorship, please call Chris on 0744 350 0744.

Follow the link to the Steam Show's fantastic website provided by Emma @BulldogWebsites:
<https://fairfordsteamshow.co.uk/>.



FAIRFORD TENNIS CLUB

You may have spotted some changes at the tennis club recently. We've had a complete brand refresh — new logo, new colours, new merch — and we're really proud of how it's turned out. With our campaign for a new clubhouse gathering pace and delivery this summer, it seemed like the perfect moment to give the club's identity a lift too. The old wooden pavilion has done us proud over the years, but a more accommodating clubhouse will be a game-changer, somewhere to socialise after a match, shelter from the Cotswold drizzle, and bring the community together.

The new brand is about reflecting that ambition: we wanted something that feels modern and fresh, but still unmistakably us.

The story behind the new look

When we set out to redesign the club's identity, we knew we wanted to strike a balance: something that honoured the club's history (est. 1950) without looking like it was stuck there. The new FTC crest draws on classic tennis club design — the circular badge, the script lettering — but with cleaner lines and a contemporary feel. The deep green and cream palette was a deliberate nod to the traditional colours of tennis, which works beautifully against the backdrop of our leafy Fairford. We explored different layouts and colourways, settling on versions that work on both light and dark backgrounds so the logo looks sharp wherever it appears — whether that's printed on a hoodie or mounted on the court gates. The rebrand was designed by Tim Mouldsdale (timmouldsdale.com), who worked closely with the committee to get the feel just right. The result is something we think looks genuinely professional, an identity you'd expect from a much bigger club, while still feeling warm and community-driven. It's already making a difference to how people perceive us, and we've had some lovely feedback from members and visitors.

The new crest will be popping up everywhere, on court signage (soon!), hoodies, polos, quarter-zips, and caps. If you fancy getting your hands on some, you can order through www.tshirtstudio.com/marketplace/Fairford-Tennis-Club (junior sizes available too).

Come and play

If you're new to tennis or coming back to it after a break, our beginners and improvers club nights are a great place to start. These relaxed sessions run on Mondays or Thursdays at 6pm and are specifically designed for people who are still finding their feet on court. No pressure, no judgement, just a friendly group learning together. They've been proving popular, and it's wonderful seeing new faces picking up a racket for the first time. For those looking for something more competitive, we field teams in the local leagues and run a summer tournament that's always a highlight of the season.

We're also a sociable bunch: quiz nights, barbecues, and the odd post-match drink are all part of the mix. Whether you're picking up a racket for the first time or looking for a new club to call home, come along to a session.

Or drop us a line at clubspark.lta.org.uk/fairfordtennisclub or follow us on Instagram @fairfordtennisclub

We'd love to see you down at The Croft.



FAIRFORD HISTORY SOCIETY

Fairford Festival

on Saturday 6th and Sunday 7th June

at Fairford Community Centre, Heritage Room
10-4pm

A photograph display by Edwin Cuss with an FHS local history display

and FHS publications for sale. Refreshments

FHS will also have a display and publications for sale at the Cricket Field

Thursday 18th June

at 7.30 pm

at Fairford Community Centre

A brief FHS AGM followed by Gloucestershire Follies by Jonathan Holt

Visitors are welcome to attend meetings at £3 per session

For further information email:
enquiry@fairfordhistory.org.uk or visit
www.fairfordhistory.org.uk

JOIN THE TOWN-WIDE LITTER PICK

ON 1ST AUGUST!

On **1st August**, the whole community is invited to take part in a **Town-Wide Litter Picking Event**—a day dedicated to fresh air, friendly faces, and making Fairford shine even brighter.

Whether you're a seasoned volunteer or just fancy doing something positive with your morning, everyone is welcome—families, friends, local groups, and individuals alike.

So grab your enthusiasm (and maybe a pair of gloves!), and be part of something uplifting. Together, we can keep Fairford looking its very best.

Want to get involved? Simply email clerks@fairfordtowncouncil.gov.uk to register your interest or find out more.

Let's roll up our sleeves, share some smiles, and make Saturday 1st August a day to remember. Fairford, this is your moment to shine!

24HR ACCESSIBLE

DEFIBRILLATOR

LOCATIONS:

There are 9 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.
- Queensfield Phone Box
- Keble Fields Estate
- Fairford Gate North (on Jacob's Piece)
- Fairford Gate South (on Honeybone Close)

Other defibrillators are available during operating hours at:

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



PALMER HALL CINEMA

Palmer Hall Cinema will be showing a film on the 10th June, the title is TBC.

Date: Wednesday 10th June

Doors open at 7.00 for 7.30 start. Admission £4 to include tea and biscuits. Glass of wine £3.50

Palmer Hall Cinema is having a break in July and August but will be resuming the film nights on 9th September.

ST MARY'S ECO CHURCH

Wildflowers, insects and birds in St Mary's churchyard will be at their best in June - do take time to walk, sit and enjoy in this beautiful space during the early summer.

Upcoming events include:

- Discover the Churchyard event on the Saturday of Fairford Festival (6 June), between 12.30 and 4 pm at St Mary's churchyard. Come and join us for an interactive discovery session about history, nature and wildlife in our church yard - with quizzes, activities for all ages, tea and cake, plant and seed swap stall in the beautiful setting of St Mary's churchyard. Picnics welcome.
- Bug Hunt – Tuesday 28 July 2026, 10 am to 12. Back by popular demand! Free family fun morning for all ages discovering the micro-wildlife in St Mary's churchyard. Range of children's activities for all ages, information stalls and refreshments. No pre-booking required. Watch out for posters in the usual places!

Interested in being part of a group of enthusiasts promoting the churchyard as a haven for biodiversity and sustainability, and promoting environmental awareness in the locality? Contact St Mary's Parish Office fairfordpcc@gmail.com, and they will pass on your details.





TRUSTEES WANTED



Listening, Supporting, Connecting. W4W bring's people together to reduce loneliness and isolation, creating trusted spaces where everyone feels valued, included, and supported.

We listen to local needs and by signposting, friendship, and community-led activities, we promote wellbeing, build our community and connect individuals both to one another and to the services that help them.

TRUSTEES WANTED!

Can you spare 1–2 hours a week?

Do you care about helping others and building community?

Working 4 Wellbeing is looking for new trustees to help us continue supporting people in our community who may be lonely, isolated, or disadvantaged.

As a trustee, you would help shape the future of our work and make sure we can continue providing a welcoming, supportive space for those who need it most.

What people say about Working 4 Wellbeing:

“I thought time had passed me by, but W4W has shown me otherwise. The team are knowledgeable, reliable, pleasant to deal with, and always friendly. I feel supported and listened to.”

“Wednesday mornings are the highlight of our week.”

“When we're unsure what to do or need guidance, W4W is always there to point us in the right direction.”

“It's such a warm and friendly place. If I ever miss a session, I really feel it. W4W is an essential part of my week, every week feels like a favourite memory.”

Interested?

If you'd like to talk to one of our trustees and find out more about the role, please contact one of our existing Trustees
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Or contact Mary Ann to have a chat about our many activities
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