

FPT Committee

The Committee currently meets five times each year to discuss issues that have come to our notice in a number of ways. These include planning applications received by the Town Council, reports and planning notices in local newspapers and our own observations.

They obviously represent your interests in their deliberations but would like to raise any concerns of members regarding preservation issues within the bounds of Fairford. Any issues brought to our notice would be discussed at the next meeting and appropriate action taken. It may be that a member could be invited to a Committee meeting to bring forward a matter for discussion.

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Committee 2011-2012

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Edwin Cuss, Len Eales, Phil Green, Liz Hope, David Perry (President)

Greg Phillips, Ian Westlake

Committee members are elected every two years in rotation.

FPT Membership 2012/13

Members can either rejoin at the AGM or fill in the form below and return to: **Mr P Trickett, 24 Moor Lane, Fairford, GL7 4AL**

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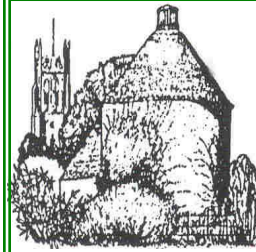
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Fairford Preservation Trust

Newsletter No. 2

March 2012

Annual General Meeting

Friday April 13th 2012, Palmer Hall at 7.30 pm

After the business meeting the speaker will be

John Light

'Cricketing in the Cotswolds'

John Light has been Chairman of Gloucestershire County Cricket Club since 2006 and writes for the Wilts & Gos Standard on football and cricketing matters. He was born in Sheepscombe and now lives in Cirencester.

Coffee served from 7pm

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FPT Garden Party 2011



The Garden Party held in July at David Perry's home was a very successful occasion. About £500 was raised for the tree project.

Chairman's Report by Stewart Benzie

Welcome to the second Fairford Preservation Trust Newsletter. We hope that most of the information within it will prove to be of interest. Your Committee continues to beaver away diligently on your behalf; especially our indefatigable Secretary, Alison Hobson.

The past year has been pretty active, mostly concerning topics outside the 'traditional' area of Planning – although there has been a resurgence in developers' interest to the west of Fairford, notably in Pip's Field; and Flood Prevention continues to be a 'hot' subject. More on these at the AGM.

Two of these topics are covered in more detail within this document. Our involvement in the National Big Tree Plant [following the fascinating talk given by John Stokes at our last AGM] is explained by Greg Phillips. The Walkers are Welcome scheme, very relevant to our footpaths, is covered by Ian Westlake.

Last July many of us enjoyed a splendid social event – our first Garden Party for a number of years. We are all indebted to our President, David Perry, for making us so welcome. It was a great success financially as well as socially – almost £500 was raised towards the Big Tree Plant scheme. A fine achievement.

It is with great sadness that the Committee learned of the death of one of the stalwarts of the Trust - Len Eales. Len served on your Committee from 1994 onwards; and as Secretary from 1996 to 2008. He made a tremendous contribution to FPT and we all stand in his debt. He will be much missed.

Please do remember to attend our AGM on Friday April 13th. This will give you the opportunity to raise any issue of interest, as well as to be entertained by our very special Guest Speaker, John Light. His subject is billed as 'Cricketing in the Cotswolds'. I suspect that his delivery will be worth watching, and hope to see you there.

The Walkers are Welcome Initiative by Ian Westlake

The 'Walkers are Welcome' scheme is a national organisation of towns and villages set up to help local economies and ensure that footpaths and facilities for walkers are maintained in good condition thus benefiting local people as well as visitors. The scheme was set up in 2006 and now has a large number of communities as members.

Six months ago Fairford Town Council set up a meeting to see if there was enough support for Fairford to join the scheme. Fairly soon we had collected over 200 signatures and several organisations said they would support it, including The Fairford Preservation Trust.

A full Town Council meeting last November approved an attempt to join the scheme and agreed to pay the yearly subscription. This will be between £30 and £50.

Since then a formal application has been set up. Margaret Bishop has given considerable help with the bureaucratic language needed. The application is just about ready to go in. It will be about six weeks before we hear and then there will be a press release, other publicity, and inclusion in websites.

Trees by Greg Phillips

Following the enthusiastic talk by John Stokes at the AGM last year the committee agreed to work towards an application to the government's 'Big Tree Plant' fund.

So far we have identified a number of sites around the town and have begun the laborious business of identifying who actually owns the land.

We are extremely grateful to Fairford Town Council for granting us match funding for the project and we have a very helpful working party established with interested councillors.

Talks have been held with the E.C.T. with a view to planting in the Walnut Tree field and in the Meadow.

Contact with Gloucester Highways has proved to be more difficult but it needs to be established if we wish to plant a range of 'street trees'. We are aiming to have our application ready for the August meeting of the Fund with a view to planting in November onwards.