



Fairford Preservation Trust

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Thursday 30 April 2015, 7.30pm
at Fairford Community Centre, Farmor Room.
The 49th Annual General Meeting

FPT – a Society for the Future?

Including talks by members of Lechlade & District Civic Society, Fairford Environmental Society, Fairford Planning Watch & Fairford Town Council

Please attend this very important meeting concerning the Trust's future

Refreshments will be served from 7pm

* The AGM agenda will be available from April 23rd and at the meeting

Chairman's Letter

Welcome to the 2015 edition of our Newsletter.

Your Committee has had an active year so far. We have worked alongside Fairford Planning Watch and Fairford Town Council on a number of Planning issues, and have continued the development of our Tree Project.

We have also been considering the longer term future of FPT, with particular attention as to how best the FPT can meet the present and future needs of Fairford's residents, recruit new members and maintain the viability of our Society, How we can capture some of the vitality demonstrated by Fairford Planning Watch in the recent past, and; should we be developing a coordinating and facilitating role, perhaps, together with other Community groups such as Fairford Environmental Society, Can we learn from the experience elsewhere of communities which have had to meet the changing needs, including those who have become part of the 'Civic Society' movement.

To this end, the format of our AGM this year will be somewhat slightly different. To set the scene, we will have presentations from Bob Dennish, Secretary of Lechlade Civic Society, Malcolm Cutler from Fairford Planning Watch and FPT, Suzanne Jones of Fairford Environmental Society and one of our Fairford Town Councillors, as well as from your Committee.

Some of the areas which, we feel, need discussion and clarification are:

- How can FPT expand its activities in identifying, coordinating opinion and monitoring new developments (housing and otherwise) in Fairford and surrounding areas?
- Fairford will experience a large increase in population over the next few years – how can FPT help in the integration of these new residents, whilst ensuring that the character of Fairford is protected?
- How can FPT help in ensuring that the infrastructure of Fairford is improved and maintained, especially with the growth of the new housing developments?
- What change of image is needed and possible change of name, to ensure that members and residents are clear as to FPT's role in supporting Fairford's future and objectives?
- How can FPT cooperate with other Community Groups in Fairford and surrounding district, and continuing to develop its working relationship with the Fairford Town Council.?
- How can FPT improve its communication and publicity amongst members and the wider community.
- How can FPT recruit new members – essential if FPT is to be able to expand its activities?
- What are member views on the Membership Fee?

Please attend this very important AGM as we need you comments and opinions.

I do hope to see you there.

Stewart Benzie

Saturday May 9th 2015

Tree Dedication Ceremony

10am in Walnut Tree Field, Fairford

Some of the trees have been funded by Fairford Town Council, Fairford Town Charity, Lechlade & District Lions and also some individuals in memory of loved ones. Plaques will be placed near these trees.

All welcome. Refreshments available in Walnut Tree Field or at Fairford Community Centre afterwards depending on the weather.

November / December 2015

50 years of Fairford Preservation Trust

The Committee are planning to hold an event to celebrate our 50th anniversary. Please let us know if you have any photographs or memories of FPT's work during that time.

The Committee 2014-2015

The Committee this year has been:

Chairman: Stewart Benzie,
Secretary: Alison Hobson
Treasurer: Phil Trickett*
Liz Hope
David Perry (President)
Greg Phillips
Edwin Cuss*
Ian Westlake
Malcolm Cutler (co-opted)

* resigning from the Committee at the AGM

FPT Committee—new members wanted

The Committee currently meets about five times each year to discuss issues that have come to our notice. These include planning applications received by the Town Council, reports and planning notices in local newspapers, status of projects e.g. tree planting, and other suggested initiatives. Any concerns brought to us by members, regarding preservation issues within the bounds of Fairford, are also discussed and action decided. Members are also welcome to attend the Committee meetings and bring forward any matters they wish to raise.

Phil Trickett has announced that he wishes to resign as Honorary Treasurer from the Committee at the AGM, following many years of dedicated service. We are therefore in need of a new treasurer. Edwin Cuss has also announced his resignation after many years valued service. Our many thanks to both of them.

FPT is celebrating 50 successful years this year, but we now need to ensure that we are in a position to meet the challenges which Fairford is now facing. We need your ideas and help to meet these challenges, so please consider joining us on the committee by approaching one of the committee members.

Any nominations in writing or email should be received by the Secretary at least one week before the AGM, April 22nd, 2015

Contact us

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