

## NEW ROAD NAMES IN FAIRFORD

North of Cirencester Road: Stoneleigh and Fairford Gate (developer's names)

**Pips Field Way: Pips Field** was a plot of land owned by Mrs Simpson (a former Fairford newsagent). It had formerly been owned by Townsend Garage. She wanted the land to become affordable housing for the people of Fairford. Her heirs sold the land for development. It is not known why it was called Pip's Field.

**Sarah Thomas Walk:** Sarah Thomas lived at Milton House (not the current Milton House on Milton Street, further along near the entrance to Fayre Court) now demolished and was very involved with the Milton Street and Maisey Hampton chapels. Her Victorian diaries were discovered by June Lewis who transformed into a book, a play performed in the Milton Street chapel and a radio play. From these diaries a great deal has been learned about life and the people of Fairford in the 1860s.

**Buckler Close:** Katharine Tame (widow of Sir Edmund Tame, who was the grandson of John Tame) married Walter Buckler and in 1547 the Crown granted them Fairford manor in fee as part of an exchange of land.

**Busby Close:** Hugh Busby came with his family to the Bull Hotel in the late 19<sup>th</sup> century and was landlord there until he died in 1927. One of his sons, also called Hugh, ran Busby's Garage that was on Cirencester Road by the Town Bridge.

**Jacob's Piece and Near Short Piece:** On the 1834 Terrier Map three lots of land north of the Cirencester Road are Far Short Piece, Middle Short Piece, and Near Short Piece; these were owned by Jacob Betterton, hence Near Short Piece and Jacob's Piece

**Lambe Close:** Esther Barker was the younger daughter of Samuel Barker and inherited the manor of Fairford Park in 1727. She married James Lambe. She died childless in 1769 and left the estate to her husband's nephew John Raymond on the condition that he took the name Barker.

**Milking Path Way:** On the 1754 Enclosure map for Fairford clearly marked is a path called 'the Milking Path' running from Milton End, now Coronation Street, eastwards to Cow Common and the Common Lane.

**Paton Close:** Dorothy Paton was a Fairford Parish and Town Councillor and mayor from 1985-1987. She died in 2012.

**Ritter Close:** Ruth Ritter was a Fairford Parish and Town Councillor from 1983 and mayor from 1989-1991. She died in 1997.

**Tomlinson Close:** Tomlinson Way was a misspelling of the name Thomlinson by Cotswold District Council which they subsequently rectified with **Scott Thomlinson Road** to the south of Cirencester Road.

**Tame Way:** "Fairford never flourished afore the cumming of the Tames into it" (Leland, died 1552) John Tame was one of the last great Cotswold wool merchants. John and his son Edmond were responsible for the rebuilding of St Mary's Church and the installation of the renowned set of windows.

## South of Cirencester Road

**Concorde Crescent:** The Concorde supersonic airliner made its first flight from Filton to RAF Fairford in 1969 and the airfield was the BAC Concorde Test Centre until 1977.

**Honeybone Close:** For over 100 years four generations of the Honeybone family carried on a watch and clock making business in Fairford. Honeybone clocks are now much sought after today, particularly in the Cotswolds as they represent fine examples of local craftsmanship and a link to Fairford's past. Members of the Honeybone family are still remembered as living in the town.

**Scott Thomlinson Road:** Scott Thomlinson (1923-2013) was a Cotswold District Councillor and Fairford Parish and Town Councillor from the 1970s; he was mayor from 1987 to 1989.

**Yells Way:** the Yells family of builders has been in Fairford since the 19th century. Peter Yells (1930-2009) was St Mary's churchwarden for 39 years; he and his wife, Rosemary (1933-2008) were very involved with the Fairford Steam Rally and many other organisations in Fairford.

**Radways:** was the bakers at the top of the High Street next to the former chemist and charity shop, now Lynwoods. It closed in the 1990s and was very famous for its lardy cakes.

**Carter's Ground:** There were two Carters' Ground, one was to the east of Hatherop Road opposite Aldsworth Close on the 1841 Tithe map and it was owned by John Raymond Barker. The other Carter's Ground between Horcott Road and Rhymes Lane was owned by Mary Carter. She lived in what is now Fairford House in 1841. The 'Carter' surname was common in Fairford and we have records of them from the 18<sup>th</sup> century. Dr John Carter was one of Fairford's first doctors and the many of the 'Carters' are recorded are land owning.

#### **Keble Fields (developer's name, east of Fairford)**

**Austin Abbey Way:** Edwin Austin Abbey was an American artist who lived at Morgan Hall from the 1890s to 1911. His most famous set of murals, 'The Quest and Achievement of the Holy Grail', adorns the Boston Public Library. He was also commissioned to paint the Coronation of Edward VII in 1901. He had a large artist's studio at Morgan Hall and entertained many of the famous artists of the day. He was a keen cricketer and became well known for his 'Cricket week'. He was captain of the Artist's XI.

**Daphne Jones close:** She was the sister of Ruth Ritter and daughter of the Jones's of Morgan Hall. She came back to Fairford to live after being a nursing nun in the East End of London. One of stories in 'Call the Midwife' TV series is based on her story.

**June Lewis Way:** June Lewis (1935-2015) June Lewis moved to Fairford from Lechlade at an early age. She went to Farmor's School and became the first head girl. She returned to Farmor's as headmaster's secretary in 1958 and remained working there as secretary, teacher and bursar until she retired in 1995. She wrote 28 books was writer for Cotswold Life magazine since the 1960s. She was a Cotswold Way Warden had many interests including sheep and crafts related to wool. She became Fairford's historian in the 1980s.

**Morecombe Way:** (1933-2014) Lionel Morecombe formerly of the RAF was a former clerk to Fairford Town Council, he became a Town Councillor and was mayor in 1999.

**Trubshaw Way:** Brian Trubshaw (1924 – 2001) was the Test pilot for the British Aerospace Concorde based at Fairford from 1965 to 1980.