



Clerk's Corner – Your Town Clerk, Katherine Doughty, summarises recent meetings below. Please see our website for detailed minutes.

Town Meeting – 6th November 2024

The Mayor, Cllr. Peter Castle,

opened with a speech noting the Council's many accomplishments including:

- Faringdon Town Council (FTC) grants for local organisations, e.g. Follyfest, Folly Tower and the Youth Club.
- Green Day
- Portwell Pump refurbishment
- New thermal curtains for the Old Town Hall
- Tree planting in Town Park

An informal consultation for new parking schemes for central Faringdon were unveiled. These can be found on our website www.faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk and comments are welcome to office@faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk before **9th January 2025**. Thereafter, the Council will consider feedback and make amendments before Oxfordshire County Council undertake a formal consultation.

Full Council Committee – 11th November 2024

Remembrance Sunday and the Remembrance Exhibition in the Old Town Hall: Cllr. Wise reported that there had been a successful Remembrance Sunday event with excellent attendance. The Remembrance exhibition had a good number of visitors over the weekend and was attended by 87 children and their teachers on the Friday!

The last of the County Councillor's fund has been granted to COGS (Community Owned Guidance Service) and to the Folly Tower Trust. The Art Bench Project is progressing with developer funding received and contract signed with the artist Nicola Henshaw. The seven benches each focus on aspects of the town. For example, the benches at Coxwell Road will display geology and the bench for Market Place will depict the underground tunnels/history. The benches will make a wonderful artistic addition to the town as well as providing much needed seating.

Upcoming Council Meetings

Links to join remotely are available on our website www.faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk and on the council's Facebook page. At each meeting, there is always an opportunity for the public to speak - please come along and have your say.

Finance & Audit	13th January 2025
Full Council	20th January 2025
Planning & Highways	27th January 2025
Grants Sub-Committee	3rd February 2025

Artist of the Month

We are delighted to have **Jane Cole** as our Artist of the Month for December. Jane started her hobby with a fascination with the way glass looks when light is shining through it. She completed various courses in Stained Glass Panel making, Glassblowing and Glass



Fusing and she recently purchased her own kiln so that she could make her own creations at home. Jane enjoys experimenting with the way glass reacts when in a molten state and always likes lifting the lid of the kiln to see what it reveals; no two pieces are ever the same.

Christmas really is a special time for all things bright and sparkly, so Jane has been making gifts for friends and family for a few years. Last year she made some decorations and hangings to sell. Jane was delighted by how popular her glass Christmas trees and her original batch of five trees had to be repeated several times due to the demand. Again, each tree is unique.

To see Jane's work, visit the Information Centre throughout December from **9.00am to 4.00pm during weekdays and 9.30am to 1.00pm on Saturdays**.

Remembrance Sunday - 10th November 2024

On Sunday 10th November, Faringdon's Remembrance Sunday Parade and church service ran smoothly. The collaboration between FTC, The Royal British Legion and All Saints Church, made this day seamless. The main attendees in the parade and the service were: Deputy Lieutenant Neil Sutherland, Matt Mortiboy RBL parade Marshall, Members of the Royal British Legion,

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Honorary Alderman, Judith Heathcote, RAF Contingents, Defence Academy, Blind Veteran, Thames Valley Police, Faringdon Fire Station, United Church, Elms School and FCC, South Central Ambulance and others. Alongside The Faringdon Town Mayor, Cllr. Castle, Deputy Mayor Cllr. Bolton, Faringdon Town Councillors, Officers and District Councillors also attended the service and walked in the parade. Youth organisations such as The Army Cadets, Scouts, Beavers, Cubs, Brownies and Guides, Mayor's Cadet, Goodlake Explorers, Faringdon Rugby Club kids and the Rotary kids took part.

After the minute silence and laying of wreaths at The Old Town Hall, the crowd dispersed and gathered at The Corn Exchange for refreshments. FTC would like to thank Faringdon for an excellent turnout.

Councillor's Surgery in November

Cllrs. Wild and Webb successfully ran the surgery from the warmth of FTC's museum. A resident asked about the plans for the removed damaged bus shelter on Coxwell Road. Rest assured that this is being replaced and is in progress. We look forward to the next surgery on Saturday 8th February 2025 at 10.00am – please check our website nearer the time, for further details.

FARINGDON JUNIOR YOUTH CLUB
TUESDAY EVENINGS – 6PM TO 8PM
FOR YOUNG PEOPLE AGED 10 TO 12 YEARS OLD (SCHOOL YEARS 6 AND 7)

TUESDAY NIGHTS FROM 6PM TO 8PM AT THE BARBER ROOMS, REAR OF ALL SAINTS CHURCH, CHURCH STREET, FARINGDON, OXON. SN7 8AD
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Councillors and staff of Faringdon Town Council wish all of its residents a **very Happy Christmas**. We will be closed on Tuesday 24 December 2024 at 11.30am and we reopen on Thursday 2 January 2025.