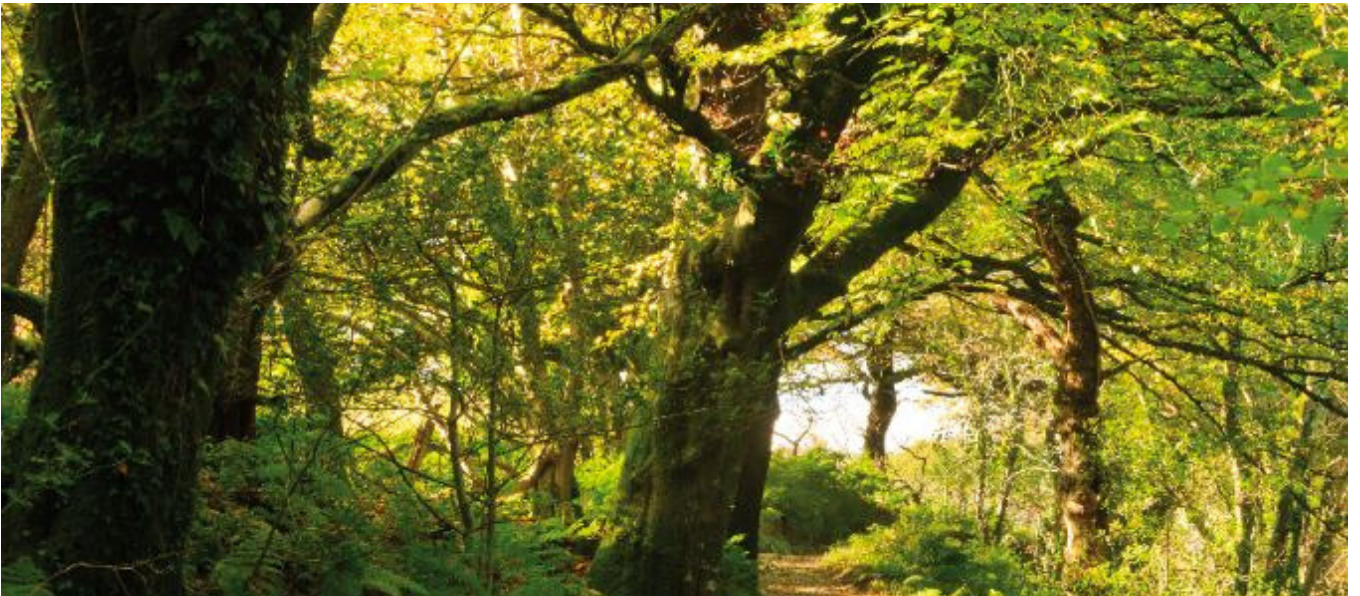


# FARINGDON TOWN COUNCIL

*Official Newsletter of Faringdon Town Council*

## Highlights of July



**Tree Charter Day will be taking place on 30 November 2019.**

**All local councils are encouraged to get involved and celebrate the positive effects trees and woodland has had on their communities.**

**In support of the tree charter campaign sustained by National Trust ,Faringdon Town Council is working on a project that will result in more trees in our community.**

**Faringdon Town Council is exploring actions to tackle Climate Emergency.**

*The Council have been looking at the issue of Climate Change.*

*It was evident to councillors of the need to address the issue and to work with other councils on initiatives that will promote the transition to a net-zero carbon economy.*

*The first step has been the creation of a Climate Change working party.*

*This group will look at ways the council can act. Please get in touch if you would like to get involved. Contact the Chair of Climate Change working party Cllr. Liz Swallow at:*

*Cllr.swallow@faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk*

# Sally's note

## Faringdon Town Clerk

I have had the pleasure of being your Town clerk for almost 5 years. It is a rewarding job and I enjoy serving the community. It is my job to action all the decisions that your Town Council make. I am looking forward to working with our newly elected Council to help make Faringdon a great place to live, work and play. I hope this regular feature in our newsletter will help to keep you informed.

Firstly, I am very sad to inform you that former Deputy Town Clerk, Eileen Pill, passed away peacefully on June 20th, aged 90. Eileen gave many years' service to the Town and will be sadly missed. The Town Council extends its sincere sympathies to Eileen's family and friends.

This summer we said a fond farewell to Hilary Sherman who retired after 18 years' service to Faringdon. She has worked as both Deputy Town Clerk and Planning Clerk. Hilary achieved a great deal on behalf of the community, including administering the Faringdon Neighbourhood Plan and leading the refurbishment of the Corn Exchange. She will be missed but we wish her a long and happy retirement. Val Sansford, our very friendly Information Assistant, also left us. Val has worked for the Council for almost 10 years in total and her welcoming smile will be missed by all. On a positive note we welcome Marzia Sellitti as Deputy Town Clerk, Jo King as Town Clerk's Assistant and Shirley Merchant as Information assistant, to our team.

We are a very busy office and are currently working on several projects on top of our normal day-to-day activities, these include: the renovation of the Old Town Hall, working on the installation of a multi-use games area in the Town and the launch of the permanent museum in Faringdon.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind you of our Tidy Team activities. One day a week our Leisure Services Team are available to do tidying at the request of you – our residents. Please let us know if there is a public area that needs attention and if we can tidy it, we will! If we can't, we will report it to the appropriate body. We are also working on an easy-to-use Town Council app so you can report faults and contact the Tidy Team.

We work in partnership with lots of groups and try to help groups to provide activities and events. I was absolutely delighted with the communities' response to the OVO cycle tour and seeing the town turn pink was a joy! Thank you to Sjoerd Vogt, our Town Crier, and Farcycles who are always a pleasure to work with. On a cycling note, I would also like to thank Farcycles for their work to get the Cycle Training Park installed at Folly Park – what a credit to the Town!

If you are part of a group who would like to work with us or have an idea to make Faringdon a better place, please get in touch with one of your councillors– they will be very happy to hear from you.

Sally Thurston  
Town Clerk



# The people of Faringdon

ARTICLE BY TOWN MAYOR-CLLR. MIKE WISE

As mayor I get invited to events in the town and county and sometimes farther afield, but the greatest pleasure is in meeting people, particularly our wonderful volunteers who enrich the lives of us all. A fine example was the Farcycles Music Marathon in the Corn Exchange in aid of the Faringdon Children's Cycle Training Park. This was a spectacle of local musical talent whose virtuosity both amazed and entertained, leaving everyone smiling. The Rotary Club's Dragons' Den event was another occasion that showcased the activities of local organisations in their bids for funding that were gratefully received as due reward.

My secret joy is to read out loud and I celebrated the 30th birthday of Elmer the Elephant by reading stories to children in the Library; each character had to have a different voice of course!

It's also a great honour to represent the town at formal events. One such occasion was the commemoration of the 75th anniversary of D-Day at the War Memorial when, as part of the ceremony, I read out the names of six local men involved in the landings, but who fell later. Other examples were the Lord Lieutenant's Reception at Dorchester Abbey to meet the new Oxfordshire Mayors and Chairman, and the annual Flag Raising Ceremony at Oxford Castle to mark Armed Forces Day.

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*- Cllr. Mike Wise*

From the recent elections in May

# Your new Town Councillors



Town Mayor - Dr. Mike Wise  
Cllr.wise@faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk



Deputy Town Mayor - Julie Farmer  
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Cllr. Kiera Bentley  
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Cllr Jane Boulton  
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Cllr. Stephen Smith  
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Cllr. James Famakin  
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Cllr Bethia Thomas  
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Cllr. Rosalind Burns  
[Cllr.burns@faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:Cllr.burns@faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk)



Cllr.Steve Leniec  
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Cllr. Liz Swallow  
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Cllr. Angela Finn

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Cllr Lucy Martin

[Cllr.martin@faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:Cllr.martin@faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk)



Cllr. Kimberley Morgan

[Cllr.morgan@faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:Cllr.morgan@faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk)

Please get in touch and let your councillors know about the issues that affect you, they will be happy to raise issues on your behalf at the council meetings. We are hoping to organise Saturday Town Councillors surgeries from September 10-12 in the Pump House. Please visit our website for information about what the Town Council is responsible for:

[www.faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk](http://www.faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk)

Finance Committee  
Facilities Committee  
Community and Partnership Committee  
Planning and Highways Committee  
Partnership Working  
Trust Committee

# MARKET STALLS



## • SAVE YOUR LOCAL MARKET •

**WHEN? EVERY TUESDAY 9.00-12.30 WHERE? MARKET PLACE**

HAVE YOU THOUGHT ABOUT STARTING A SMALL BUSINESS OR DO YOU ALREADY HAVE ONE, BUT YOU DONT KNOW WHERE TO START? PERHAPS YOU COULD HAVE A MARKET STALL AT THE TUESDAY MARKET? Contact the market manager Pat Fox for more details. [patfox47@talktalk.net](mailto:patfox47@talktalk.net)

FARINGDON TOWN COUNCIL IS WORKING TOWARDS PROMOTING THE COMMUNITY WELLBEING AND PROSPERITY. PLEASE HELP OUR TOWN CENTRE BY SUPPORTING LOCAL SHOPS AND VISITING THE WEEKLY MARKET.

The Town Council support community events that feature market stalls, which encourage residents and tourists to visit the Town Centre. Traders and the community are also encouraged to support these events.

Other Markets :The Country Market is held on Friday 9am to 11am in The Corn Exchange, Corn Market, Faringdon

**FARINGDON OCCASIONAL MARKETS: YOUNG TRADERS MARKET**

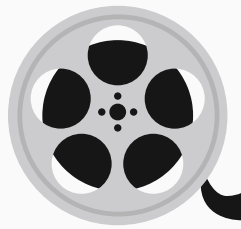
Faringdon Occasional Markets: Young Traders' Market

We are reintroducing the Young Traders' Market, a project in collaboration with Faringdon and district schools. The Young Traders' Market aims to offer students an opportunity to acquire entrepreneurial skills while raising money to support a charity, good cause, or simply to earn some pocket money. Date to be confirmed.

Please contact [marzia@faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:marzia@faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk) for details.



# WHAT'S ON AT THE REGENT CINEMA



Friday 26th July



BLOCKBUSTER:

FRIDAY EVENINGS  
DOOR OPENS AT  
7.00PM FILM  
STARTS 7.30PM

JULY 26TH  
AUG 30TH  
SEPT 20TH  
OCT 18TH

MATINEE:

1ST WEDS OF THE  
MONTH - DOOR  
OPENS 12.30PM,  
FILM STARTS  
1.00PM

JULY 3RD  
AUG 7TH  
SEPT 4TH  
OCT 2ND

KIDS CINEMA:

KID'S CINEMA IN  
HALF TERM  
HOLIDAYS: WEDS  
DOORS OPENS AT  
1.30PM, FILM  
STARTS 2.00PM

Wednesday 7th Aug



**7TH AUG MATINEE CLUB FILM**



TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM  
FARINGDON TOWN COUNCIL  
THE PUMP HOUSE, MARKET PLACE,  
FARINGDON, SN7 7HL

ADULTS £4 IN  
ADVANCE  
£5 ON DOOR



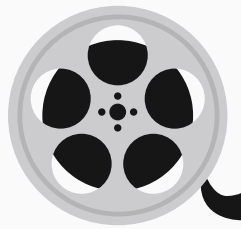
AT THE CORN EXCHANGE

DOORS AT  
12.30PM  
FILM STARTS AT  
1.00PM





# WHAT'S ON AT THE REGENT CINEMA



## Wednesday 14th



### 14TH AUGUST KIDS FILM

DOORS AT  
1.30PM  
FILM STARTS AT  
2.00PM



AT THE CORN EXCHANGE

TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM  
FARINGDON TOWN COUNCIL  
THE PUMP HOUSE,  
MARKET PLACE, FARINGDON, SN7 7HL



TICKETS IN  
ADVANCE  
UNDER 18S £3  
ADULTS £4  
FAMILY TICKET  
£10

TICKETS ON  
DOOR  
UNDER 18S £4  
ADULTS £5  
FAMILY TICKET  
£11



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# THE UNVEILING OF FARINGDON TAPESTRY

*An Article by Adele Vincent,  
our Information Centre Manager*



The Faringdon Tapestry is a community project. Started in 2018, the theme of the Tapestry is trade in Faringdon and it showcases the change in trade and commerce throughout history. The project brought together novice stitchers as well as those very skilled in cross-stitch, tapestry and embroidery. Individual pieces were then sewn together to create an impressive wall hanging. The project was funded by Faringdon Town Council and the Vale of White Horse District Council, and sewing supplies were very generously donated by local residents. The Tapestry was unveiled on the 11th July in the Pump House and an afternoon tea was held to thank the community stitchers for all their hard work. This beautiful piece of art was unveiled by Faringdon Town Mayor, Cllr. Dr Mike Wise, and community stitchers Siobhan McElroy and Anna Fletcher. The Faringdon Tapestry is now on display at the entrance to the Faringdon Museum, in the Pump House, for the community to enjoy.





## REVISITING THE HISTORY OF FARINGDON TOWN AND ITS CULTURAL HERITAGE FROM PREHISTORIC TO MODERN TIME.

Exciting times as Thursday the 18th of July saw Faringdon Town Council officially open the door of its very first Museum.

The Town Council, with the help and support of some dedicated collaborators, has put together an interesting display of historical information, accompanied by a collection of artefacts, as part of the Faringdon History Timeline .

Faringdon Museum is housed in the Pump House and consists of a timeline showing Faringdon's History, information on Faringdon's notable residents, Faringdon at War, with cabinets displaying Faringdon Fossils and much more.

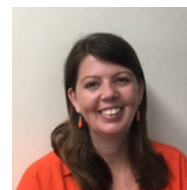
The museum is funded by Faringdon Town Council and Oxfordshire County Council, curated by Faith Carpenter from The Company Curator. Fossils were kindly donated by Oxfordshire Geology Trust and artefacts were loaned to the museum by Simon Hallewell. The museum is both informative and fun, perfect for all ages. Complete with a dressing up box and fossils to touch and hold.





# FARINGDON IN BLOOM

An article by Adele Vincent  
our Information Centre Manager



The Faringdon in Bloom competition 2019 was judged on the 22nd of June and the awards ceremony took place in the Corn Exchange on the 23rd of June. The gardening competition was judged by Mr Kit Collin and the Junior Miniature Garden category was judged by the Mayor, Cllr Dr Mike Wise, and Belinda Harrison.

The competition comprised eight categories which included: Best Small Garden, Best Large Garden, Best Allotment, Best Business Hanging Basket, Best Business Floral Display, Best Miniature Garden and Joy to the Community.

Winners received engraved trophies, and certificates were given for Highly Commended achievements in each category. The Winner of the Best Junior Miniature Garden was awarded donated tickets to the Cotswold Wildlife Park and the runner up received donated tickets to Crocodiles of the World. All children who entered the Junior Miniature Garden were given Regent Cinema vouchers. The overall Winner of the Winners for all categories received the Winner's shield.

The competition ended with an awards ceremony in the Corn Exchange, which was very well attended. The entries this year were of a very high standard which made the judge's decision a difficult one.





# Winners of Faringdon in Bloom

Best Patio Garden – Audrey Curnock and Edward Wheeler

Best Business Hanging Basket or Box – Perry Bishop and Chambers

Business Hanging basket or Box Highly commended – Stay grounded

Best Business Floral Display- ACACIA UK

Business Floral Display Highly Commended – African Children's Fund

Best Allotment – Michael Sprules

Allotment Highly Commended – Andy Harper

Best large Garden – Stephen Stallard

Large Garden Highly Commended- Joyce Wright

Best Small Garden – Scharlie and Wim Meeuws

Small Garden Highly Commended - Mary McGuigan

Joy to the Community- Faringdon Infant School

Joy to the Community – Faringdon Library

Joy to the Community Highly Commended- Faringdon Bowling Club

Joy to the Community Highly Commended- ACACIA UK

Best Junior Miniature Garden- Amelie Cook

Highly Commended Junior Miniature Garden – Isaac Moore



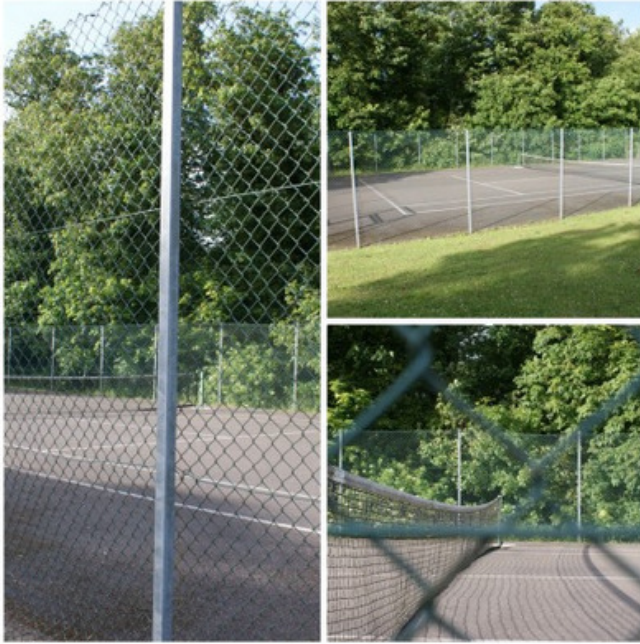
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*It was wonderful to see so many beautiful gardens enter this year and we look forward to next year's competition.*





# ELM TENNIS COURT



The Elm Tennis Court is for the benefit of people in and around Faringdon who wish to play tennis on a casual basis. As the population of Faringdon increases with houses it is good to see that we can still keep our 'open spaces' for the general health and well-being of the residents. We are very much looking forward to ensuring that we can look after the court and attract lots of new players young and old.

If you would like to buy a key please

email: [cmurphy@brookes.ac.uk](mailto:cmurphy@brookes.ac.uk) or [alison.scott@sodexo.com](mailto:alison.scott@sodexo.com)



**The court can be booked via the  
[online booking service.](#)**

**Please click here or visit our  
website**

# Events coming up

Saturday 27th July  
Le Tour de Farcycles

Saturday 27th of  
July

Aleksei Demchenko

Friday 2nd August

OUTDOOR

CINEMA

Friday 2nd August

PLAYDAY

Saturday 10th August

Teddy Bears Picnic

Saturday 24th

August

Faringdon Buskers

Friday 8th

November to Sunday

10th November

REMEMBRANCE

EXHIBITION

Remembrance

Parade

On the Roads around Faringdon and in  
the Cotswold

At Buscot Park 7.30pm

At Tuckers Park

At Tuckers Park

Faringdon Folly Tower and Woodland

11.00am - 3.00pm At the Market Place

At the Old Town Hall

At the Market Place 9.30 am

We have a new Calendar page on our website , for more info or  
to add your event contact Faringdon Information Centre.



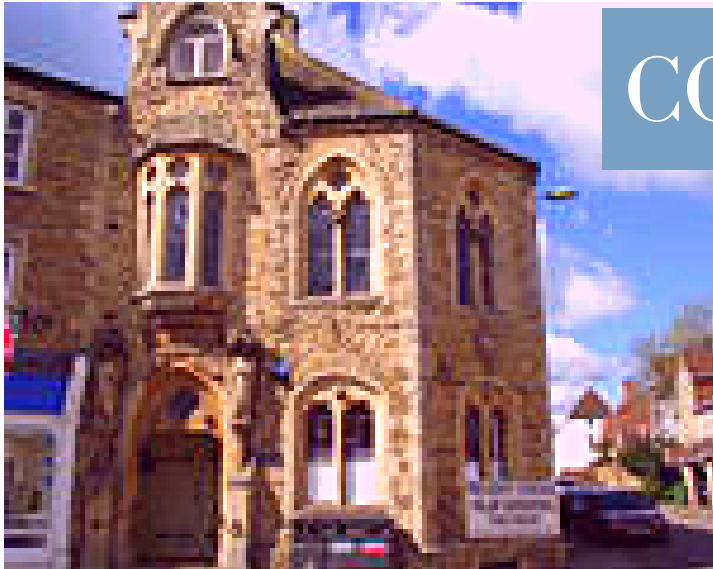
If you would like to list your event on the next

Newsletter contact

Marzia@faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk



# HIRE OUR VENUES



## CORN EXCHANGE

The building comprises a beautiful hall with a superb vaulted ceiling, ideally suited for parties, ceremonies, charity events, conferences, etc. Licensed to accommodate up to 200 people; hourly rates from £13.50; seasonal rates apply.

[Book on Line](#)

[www.faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk](http://www.faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk)

## PUMP HOUSE

*Home to the offices of the Town Council, the Jubilee Room is available for meetings, conferences, events and activities. Starting from £12.30 Seasonal rates apply.*

[Book on line](#)



## OLD TOWN HALL

Licensed for accommodate up to 50 people, it's a wonderful venue for meetings and exhibitions, particularly art exhibitions. Hourly rate £8.50, full day £40.00;

[Book on line](#)



Contact Liz at [Liz@faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:Liz@faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk)

01367 240281 for info.