

# Faringdon Town Council Newsletter - November 2019



This Christmas support a charity buying a card for good care. Lots of cards available at our Information Centre. Come and visit our information Centre and the explore the different range of winter Christmas cards and gifts, from jewellery to house gifts and body products.

## 7th December 2019 Christmas Market

Christmas and Young Traders Market is coming to Faringdon on the 7th of December. Children from all Faringdon Academy schools have been invited to participate to join Faringdon's young entrepreneurs and local traders.



## Every Saturday Councillors surgeries

Town councillors will be available for you to raise any issues or ideas every Saturday. Please visit them in the Information Centre in the Pump House between 10am and 12pm. Please check our calendar to see who you will meet each Saturday. Contact Jo King for further details. [jo@faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:jo@faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk)

## Planting and Painting Bursary

Faringdon town council Do you own a property in Faringdon Town Centre? Apply for a £150 grant to paint your exterior. Apply for a £50 grant for outdoor planting. If you are interested pick up a form at the Information centre or call the office at: 01367 240 281



## 30th November Festive Faringdon and Lord Berners

Festive Faringdon is organised by the Rotary club and will include light switch on, Snow, Carol Singing, Thomas the Tank and Father Christmas. The event will start at 2.30 pm until 6.00pm. The Lord Berners exhibition will open on the 30th of November, at the Pump House. For more info contact : [office@faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:office@faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk)

## REPAIR CAFE Leaders WANTED

After lots of requests we are investigating holding a weekly repair cafe in the Old Town Hall on Saturdays. Can you help? Would you like to be involved in organising? Do you have any experience you would like to share? Contact [sally@faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:sally@faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk)





# Community Champions in Faringdon

Vale of White Horse awards community champions for their commitment to helping others living in the district.

Extract of Vale Article-  
**Al Cane** for his work to bring music to the town via vinyl sales and introducing busking in the Market Place.  
For raising funds for the Pump House Project and the Place and other town events.

**Malcolm Gee** for getting a Public Access Defibrillator in town, raising awareness of and demonstrating the equipment.

**Andrew Marsden** for his work on the Faringdon Neighbourhood Plan.

**Sjoerd Vogt** who received an award two years running but the first was for being general good guy in town. This year was specifically for his work in turning the town pink for the OVO Energy Women's Tour.

**Lyn and David Williamson for the Faringdon Cycle Park**, which helps people of all ages to learn to cycle safely on the road. They secured funding and gained planning permission for the park.



Attached is the photograph of the Faringdon community award winners with Cllr Bethia Thomas.

## FTC invests in Solar Farm

Faringdon Town Council has approved an investment in the **Westmill Solar Farm** one of UK's first and world's largest cooperatively run, community-owned solar farm. Westmill solar farm is located on the Wiltshire/Oxfordshire border, just off the A420.

## Climate Emergency

On the 7th October 2019 people from the community of Faringdon attended a Public Climate Emergency Meeting.

People gathered together to express their perception of Climate Change and to share ideas and suggestions on how to respond to climate change as a whole community. The Mayor of Faringdon, Councillor Mike Wise, opened the meeting, giving a brief on how FTC has responded to Climate Change since signing the Nottingham Declaration in 2007.

the members of the meeting created 5 Climate Change actions groups:

Plastic Free Action Group, Green Transports Action Group, Community Green Energy Action Group, Recycling Action Group, Nature Action Group

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## FTC starts the Wilderness project

Our town is growing apace – new housing estates and industrial sites are in progress and in prospect. This is all to the good for people but spare a thought that each piece of land on which we build, homes are lost to wildlife. We are massively in debt to nature, which, with loss of biodiversity impacts upon us all.

The wilderness is our proposal to go some way to redress this balance. For twenty years we have owned an acre of land next to The Hobble. This land cannot be built upon and various schemes to utilise it have been unsuccessful. In the meantime, nature has taken advantage – the place is overgrown and in this undisturbed environment insects, birds and a variety of creatures have found it to be a safe haven. Neighbours to the site watched in delight as a vixen raised a family of fox cubs this year.

We have had the area surveyed by the Community Ecologist from Wild Oxfordshire. She offered excellent advice and applauds the scheme to preserve this as a nature reserve.

Moving forward, using the advice from Wild Oxfordshire, we hope to sympathetically manage the site and allow public access by appointment, once paths have been created and information boards put in place, we would encourage schools and any interested parties to engage in the development and enjoyment of the Wilderness.

### Cllr Burns

this project has been supported by OCC with a grant for councillor priority fund of £2505.

if you have any ideas contact

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## Coming soon at the Regent Cinema

Sometimes Always Never-  
Weds 4 December



Late Night-  
Fri 13th December



The Grinch-  
Fri 20th December



Info:

Matinee Club :

Doors open 7.00pm, film starts at 7.30pm Tickets in advance

£3 U18s, £4 Adult, £10

Family from Faringdon

Information Centre Tickets on

door £4 U18s, £5 Adult, £11

Family

Kids Cinema :

Doors open 1.30pm, film

starts at 2.00pm

Tickets in advance £3 U18s,

£4 Adult, £10 Family from

Faringdon Information

Centre Tickets on door £4

U18s, £5 Adult, £11 Family



