



## Sally's Summary

We hope our new monthly newsletter, in the Advertiser, will help keep you informed. I have had the pleasure of being your Town Clerk for 6 years I enjoy serving the community. I manage all day to day activity and action all the decisions that your Town Council make.

You can now join our council meetings via Microsoft teams. Please find links on our website. If you can't join but would like to ask a question please email [sally@faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:sally@faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk)

As a regular newsletter feature, I will pick out some important decisions from recent council meetings:

- Faringdon War Memorial Trust and the Full Council agreed the building specifications for the renovation of the Old Town Hall.

The council hope to see the first phase of this work, external renovation, start in March 2021.

- Covid -19 update: The Corn Exchange has reopened to some regular hirers. The Pump House



remains closed as the main room is being used as the food bank. The Information Centre and Town Council office is open mornings Monday to Saturday. The Old Town Hall remains closed. Both our play areas at Oakwood Park and Tuckers Park are open.

- The Finance Committee has received a clean audit for the 5th year in a row and has begun budget setting.

- The Community and Partnerships committee are focusing on a safer streets partnership and building a partnership with the Berks, Bucks and Oxon Wildlife Trust. They are launching a footpath warden and snow warden scheme and investigating a community fridge.

- **Grants for youth organisations are open NOW.**

- As well as managing facilities through Covid, the Facilities Committee have brought benches to the town centre, working with the Town Centre Regeneration Working Party.

- The Planning Committee are a statutory consultee on applications that affect Faringdon. They have considered 10 planning applications in the last two months.

**Sally Thurston, Town Clerk**

## Saturday Market



Faringdon Town Council manage the monthly Saturday market, held on the 1st Saturday of every month in the Market Place.



We have seen a wide range of stalls and live music at recent markets. Come along on the 7th November or 5th December, visit the stalls and

stay in town to support our local cafes, pubs, shops and businesses. Please adhere to Government social distancing regulations when at the market.

## Faringdon Charity Christmas Cards

Faringdon Information Centre has a wide range of Charity Christmas cards from Cards for Good Causes. With over 20 different Charities and hundreds of different designs you can pick the perfect Christmas



card for your family and friends. We stock charities such as British Heart Foundation, Cancer Research UK, Marie Curie, Mind, Stroke Association, RNLI Lifeboats, SSAFA the

Armed Forces Charity and many more. The Information Centre is open from 9 am to 12:30pm Monday to Friday and 9:30 am to 1pm on Saturdays.

## Council Meetings in November and December

Details, agendas and links are available on our website

Full Council	11 <sup>th</sup> Nov and 16 <sup>th</sup> Dec
Planning and Highways	25 <sup>th</sup> Nov and 23 <sup>rd</sup> Dec
Community & Partnerships	2 <sup>nd</sup> Dec
Facilities	16 <sup>th</sup> Dec

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## Your Town Mayor Cllr. Dr. Mike Wise



In 2001, after 37 years working as a scientist and engineer in both industry and universities and moved to Faringdon to take a position with Tetronics Ltd. I joined the Town Council in 2004 because I wanted to offer my skills and experience, gained over many years of voluntary work for the engineering profession, to the service and benefit of the Town. Since then I have served on all its committees and been Mayor, representing and promoting the town locally, nationally and internationally. I was the lead on the Faringdon Neighbourhood Plan and, more recently, helped to establish 'The Place'. I continue to strive to ensure that the Council serves the people of Faringdon to maintain what's good and to improve wherever possible.

## Remembrance



Because of the Covid-19 virus we weren't able to assemble as normal to commemorate the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversaries of VE-Day and VJ-Day. However, it was essential to me, as one born in WWII, that on May 8<sup>th</sup>,

the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of VE-Day should be marked to honour those who had given their lives for our freedom. Despite lockdown, we held a small ceremony where I laid a wreath on behalf of the town and the Royal British Legion, and instead recorded a few words on VE-Day and the war for the Town Council website.

On August 15<sup>th</sup>, VJ-Day, I was glad that more of us could assemble to commemorate both the end of WWII and the forgotten war in the far east that should never be forgotten. It was an honour to have the opportunity to say a few words to express our indebtedness to all those who had fought, suffered and died there, yet who had achieved a remarkable victory against a relentless enemy.

**Cllr. Mike Wise**

## Remembrance Sunday 2020

Sadly, we are not able to hold the Remembrance Sunday parade, service and wreath laying ceremony this year, and we ask you NOT to come to the War Memorial on Remembrance Sunday morning. The church service will be accessible online. The Royal British Legion has suggested that people stand on their doorsteps to hold the 2-minute silence with their households, and/ or follow coverage on radio and television instead.

## Poppy Face Coverings

The People Who Sew, working in conjunction with the Royal British Legion Faringdon and District Branch, will be making poppy face coverings which will be available from 24<sup>th</sup> October until 11 November 2020.



These face coverings will be available on all four of the community tress, in Tesco, Costcutter, Stay Grounded and from the Faringdon Information Centre in the Pump House. 100% of the donations will go to the Poppy Appeal. A Poppy Appeal donation box can be found during this time in the Information Centre which is open from 9 am to 12:30pm Monday to Friday and 9:30 am to 1pm on Saturdays.

## November's Artist of the month

We are pleased to welcome Anne Saunders as November's artist of the month. Anne is a farmer's wife and lives in Stanford-



In-The-Vale. Anne makes shoulder bags, crafted from hard-wearing furnishing fabric, which are fully lined with zipped pockets, as well as vinyl shoppers which come with matching purses. They make great gifts. Anne also has a new range of colorful leather shoulder bags that are limited editions. Faringdon Information Centre in the Pump House is open Monday to Friday 9 am to 12:30pm and 9:30 am to 1pm on Saturdays.