



## Sally's Summary

Due to the August break and following the sad death of Queen Elizabeth II, no meetings have been held.

### Upcoming Council Meetings

Links will be available on our website: [www.faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk](http://www.faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk) and on social media. There is always a section at our meetings where the public are invited to speak, come along and have your say.

Community and Partnerships	3 October
Facilities	3 October
Finance and Audit with Grants	17 October
Full Council	10 October
Planning and Highways	24 October

### King Charles III's Proclamation & Remembering Our Late Queen

We are immensely touched and grateful for the quick and supportive response to the **Proclamation of King Charles III** ceremony; a gathering that took place at incredible short notice on Sunday 8 September at 4pm in our Market Square. **A special thanks** to our Mayor Cllr. Kiera Bentley who spoke, Sjoerd Vogt who played the bagpipes, and the officers of Faringdon Town Council who worked fast to make this event possible and a success at very short notice. A simple programme was circulated on social media earlier that day to outline the ceremony. The event was moving and historic. It

ended, of course, with the National Anthem dedicated to His Royal Majesty King Charles III, to mark his ascension to the throne.



*Photo: Mayor Cllr. Keira Bentley, Colonel (Retd.) Sutherland OBE DL, Town Clerk Sally Thurston & Sjoerd Vogt*



*Photo: Flowers laid by the public at the Old Town Hall in honour of the late Queen Elizabeth II*



*Photos: Book of Condolence for the late Queen Elizabeth II, opened for the public to sign during the period of national mourning. Wreath laid by the Mayor Cllr. Kiera Bentley.*

### Bollards Phase Two: Update

Many thanks to The Bell Inn for hosting a successful community meeting on the 22 September, to discuss plans for the decoration of **five additional bollards**. Thanks also to those who attended. We now have bollards to promote awareness of our local community groups who make such a difference to our town. So far, we have bollards representing the following groups: Far Runners, our local running group; Faringdon Rugby Club, who teach rugby at many levels of ability for a range of ages; and Farcycles, who, amongst other things, run a handy pop-up shop in town should your bike need an MOT before winter sets in. (The latter is run by volunteers who ask for a modest contribution to the club's upkeep in exchange for completed work). We are still **keen to engage with Faringdon Community College** and if anyone has a contact, specifically from **the Art or Design Technology departments** who specialise in **wood work**, please email [liza@faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:liza@faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk) ASAP. Perhaps FCC's bollard could be a wood carving; similar to a totum. This would make a fantastic opportunity for a live project especially as it is the start of term, with application to / installation of the posts occurring in Spring 2023.

In addition, if anyone is a member of the **Faringdon Arts Society** and would like to be involved, please **get in touch**. FTC, in partnership with VoWH District Council, are excited to hear and potentially support what could well be possible.



*Photo: Wayfinding post by Nicola Henshaw*



## Benches Trail: Update

We have received impressive applications from various outdoor furniture designers, to create a set of quirky but practical benches throughout our town. Unfortunately, due to the period of national mourning, a meeting to discuss the applications was postponed, but we will meet this month to give them the time that they deserve. We have been taken aback by the sheer creativity of the submissions! We **encourage other outdoor furniture designers or craftspeople** who are comfortable with engaging with local community groups and schools to create these benches, **to apply ASAP to [liza@faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:liza@faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk)**

## Green Day Event: Saturday 1 October

Faringdon Town Council will be holding a Big Green Day on 1 October 2022 during the nationwide Big Green Week.

It will take place at the Corn Exchange from 10am to 1pm to showcase the wide range of green activities and efforts that are fast becoming part of our lives and second nature here in Faringdon. The event will give local community groups and ethical green businesses a platform to promote their green activities.

Stalls will include Earth and Faith, The Pump House Project, Rotary, National Trust, Vale of White Horse Recycling Team, Folly Dollies, Folly and Wild, Mustard Seed, Solid Bar Company, Faringdon Litter Pickers, 1st Faringdon Scouts Café, The Mayor's **FREE Spring Bulb give away** and much more! Please join us. Our usual **Saturday Market** will also be taking place that day, please contact [liz@faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:liz@faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk) to secure a **free stall**.



## Artist of the Month - October

Faringdon Information Centre is delighted to welcome once again the well-known Faringdon Artist, Peter Wheeler, as October's Artist of the Month.

Peter trained at Walsall School of Art and having moved to Faringdon ran his own successful Graphic Design studio. Following retirement in 1999, he marshalled his considerable talents and threw himself into recording his travelling experiences through paint on paper. However, Peter recently said "In the last few years, along with everybody else, we have had our travelling much curtailed, and I've come to realise what a wealth of



painting opportunities there are here in our lovely town of Faringdon". Peter, therefore, took the opportunity to add a further five **new Winter themed** cards to the existing collection. Having always been interested in architecture, he strived to paint buildings accurately and takes great care to capture a scene realistically. Once he is satisfied with perspective and proportion, he embarks on adding

elements of atmosphere – the snow, the pigeons, the winter lighting etc.; working together to achieve what he hopes is a "unique and impressive piece of local art."

**New** this year is a small range of A3 size limited edition prints of the popular Winter Scene at The Folly and The Portwell, in the Snow. There are only five of each and would make a distinctive gift for a special person. Do see them in the flesh while they are available -- these are competitively priced and are sure to sell fast.

**Visit the Information Centre at The Pump House** in Faringdon **Monday to Friday 9am to 4pm and Saturday 9.30am to 1pm** during October to see these limited edition prints along with a selection of unique cards; all beautifully printed from original artworks, with some printed by hand and even hand-finished.



## Faringdon Charity Christmas Cards



**Faringdon's 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 friends and family.

These will go on sale

from the first week in October. Also, did you know that we also sell books of the **new bar-coded postage stamps** in the shop?

## Food Bank – here to help

As we approach winter, please note that **Food Bank** operates **from The Pump House** on Monday and Wednesday mornings 10am-12pm. Please contact [faringdonfb@gmail.com](mailto:faringdonfb@gmail.com) or call **07548 535855** during operating hours.