



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

**Youth Worker Wanted**

Oxfordshire Play Association are looking for a Play / Youth Worker to work alongside existing members at Faringdon Junior Youth Club's sessions. Our Youth Club is well attended and valued by the young people in the community, however sessions cannot be held without support. The sessions are at Faringdon Cricket Club on a Tuesday evening from 6pm to 8pm. Please contact Martin Gillett [martin.gillett@oxonplay.org.uk](mailto:martin.gillett@oxonplay.org.uk) for more information.

**Food Bank Volunteers Needed**

The Food Bank needs volunteers, please contact [faringdonfb@gmail.com](mailto:faringdonfb@gmail.com) if you can help.

**Facilities Committee – 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2024**



The Council owns two antique portraits of Daniel and William Bennett, former owners of Faringdon House. These need considerable restoration work which we are going to investigate to see if it is possible.

Corn Exchange news: listed building consent has been granted and work has begun to replace the current glass doors of the Corn Exchange, pictured here, to meet the very latest fire regulations. Based on feedback from users of the Corn Exchange, we will be refurbishing the wooden worktops in both kitchen and bar areas. This will



improve cleanliness and enhance the overall appearance with a fresher look.

Following the annual health and safety report, we will carry out several repairs and refurbishment in the play area of Tucker Park.



These updates will ensure that all equipment meets safety standards.



**Full Council – 9<sup>th</sup> September 2024**

Cllr. Wise reported that a twinning trip to Le Mêle-sur-Sarthe was successful with 53 people from Faringdon staying in Le Mêle. Excitingly, the phone box on Canada Lane will be refurbished with a defibrillator installed from Community Heartbeat.

This will be funded from Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL).

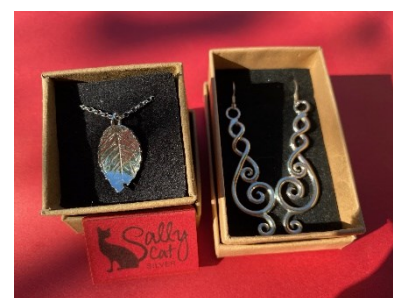
**Upcoming Council Meetings**

Links to join remotely are available on our website: [www.faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk](http://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.

<b>Planning &amp; Highways</b>	<b>23<sup>rd</sup> September 2024</b>
<b>Community &amp; Partnerships</b>	<b>30<sup>th</sup> September 2024</b>
<b>Full Council</b>	<b>14<sup>th</sup> October 2024</b>
<b>Grants &amp; Finance</b>	<b>21<sup>st</sup> October 2024</b>

**Artist of the Month**

**Sally Cat Silver** is Rachel Williams, who works as a hobby silversmith from home, in addition to her life as a musician and teacher. Having started making silver jewellery 7 years ago, she enjoys making items that please the eye and the touch, taking inspiration from animals, nature and other natural shapes. All items are entirely handmade from 925 sterling silver or fine silver. Perfect for Christmas presents or just an October treat!



**War Memorial Trust Remembrance Exhibition**

The War Memorial Trust and the Royal British Legion will be holding an exhibition of war time memorabilia in the Old Town Hall to reflect on the impact that wars have made on local families.

If you have any memorabilia, items, stories, photographs or any documents from World War I, World War II, or any



other memorabilia that you would like to share, or if you would like to volunteer to man the exhibition, please email [adele@faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:adele@faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk)

Any precious items that you may think to be too valuable to exhibit can be photocopied and the Trust will take care to return original items to their owners.

The exhibition will be open to the public from **10:00 am until 3:00pm on Friday 8th and Saturday 9th November, and after the Remembrance Day ceremony on Sunday 10th until 1:00 pm.**



**Open Cinema – August**

A free, open-air cinema provided entertainment for the community. The film IF was shown at 3pm and Mamma Mia! at 7pm welcoming over 300 people in total. Faringdon Town Council (FTC)’s councillors supported the event. There was a huge round of applause at the end of the last performance with many people thanking staff as they left. £51.76 was raised for The Place and £63 was raised

for Youth Challenge Oxfordshire (YoCO). A huge thanks to Faringdon Football Club who kindly agreed to open the clubhouse for use of facilities and to set up a base for First Aid. We are also grateful to the volunteers who helped run the event.

*Top left photo: families gather for IF*

*Bottom photo: Mayor Cllr. Castle and Cllr Wild*

**Decrease in Litter**

The Faringdon Town Council Leisure Services Team reports that following a busy summer holiday, there has been a significant reduction in litter collection. This is excellent news for Faringdon, and we would like to extend our thanks to the community for either taking their litter home or disposing of it properly.



**Christmas Lights On – 30th November 2024**

Faringdon Town Council is looking forward to our annual Christmas Lights event. Join us for Faringdon’s Christmas Lights Switch On in the Market Place, 30th November 2024, 1pm to 6pm. There will be a Craft Fair in the Corn Exchange, arranged by Faringdon Art Society. Santa’s Grotto, fairground rides and market stalls in the Market Place. Enjoy music around the Christmas Tree and much more.

For more information, please email [office@faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:office@faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk)

ALL WELCOME TO OUR  
**COUNCILLOR SURGERIES**

Chat to your local Town Councillors

**When?** Saturday 2 November 2024, 10am-12 noon  
**Where?** Faringdon Town Council’s Museum (beyond the Information Centre)  
**Contact** [liza@faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:liza@faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk)

**Next Councillor Surgery**

Our next **Saturday 2nd November 2024, 10am-12 noon** in FTC’s Museum. Come and visit your town councillors and share any feedback you have.

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