

FAIRFORD NEWS

FAIRFORD TOWN COUNCIL

MAYOR'S INTRODUCTION

What a great summer we had, after the last two years! I hope you were able to enjoy the various festivals and other events, which benefited greatly from the drier weather (even if our gardens didn't). These things are what continue to make Fairford 'a Good Place to Be'.

I would like to welcome Harrison Darley to the Council and to thank Justin Goldstone for agreeing to participate as a non-Councillor member.

Wales & West Utilities will be carrying out extensive gas pipe replacement works in the new year. They are holding an open day on 6th November at the Community Centre and I would urge residents and businesses to attend. Further information is inside the Newsletter.

You will have noticed that new speed signs have started to go up around the town. The Town Council is disappointed that the consented scheme does not cover more of the Town and continues to lobby for an improved scheme. Further information is inside the Newsletter.

Finally, a number of concerns have been expressed on social media recently about the behaviour of dogs (or their owners) near and in the river and lakes, and I have witnessed a couple of situations myself. People are reminded that having dogs not under proper control and being or appearing to be a danger to others is a criminal offence and can be reported and prosecuted, see <https://www.gov.uk/control-dog-public>. Please be a responsible dog owner.

Best wishes
Cllr Richard Harrison

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MEET YOUR NEW COUNCILLOR

Harrison Darley was co-opted on to the Town Council at the meeting held on 9th September.

Harrison has lived in Fairford since he was three years old and has adored a wonderful childhood in the natural beauty of Fairford. He has just completed a Nursing Associate apprenticeship and takes part in local amateur theatre.



He is very excited to be a part of Fairford Town Council as your newest Councillor and hopes to serve the town and people of Fairford well!

Harrison can be contacted on harrison@fairfordtowncouncil.gov.uk

DROP IN DAY = REGARDING GAS REPLACEMENT WORKS ON LONDON STREET = WALES & WEST UTILITIES

Wales & West Utilities are planning to carry out gas mains and service replacement works on London St, Fairford in the new year starting 5th January 2026 until 31st March 2026

These works will be carried out under a road closure for a 12-week duration with access being maintained for residents and businesses / deliveries

A newsletter will be sent out in December notifying and explaining the works - we are also holding an Open Day on **Thursday 6th November** at The Community Centre, High St, Fairford **10.00am until 7.00pm** which is for anybody to call in and see Wales & West to find out about the works and access to homes and businesses throughout the closure.

KEEP UP TO DATE WITH COUNCIL NEWS

Find us on Facebook - search for Fairford Town Council.

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If you would like to contact us then please email: clerks@fairfordtowncouncil.gov.uk

Or visit our website: fairfordtowncouncil.gov.uk

NEXT MEETINGS

The next two Full Town Council Meetings will be on Tuesday 14th October Sept and Tuesday 11th November at 7.00pm in Fairford Community Centre.



TRANSPORT PLAN UPDATE

Keble Path upgrade

As part of Fairford Town Council's efforts to promote safer, more accessible, and sustainable travel in Fairford, the Town Council is moving forward with plans to resurface Keble Path - a key public right of way linking Lower Croft to the A417 pavement.

Keble Path is an important link, particularly for residents in the East End, where the existing road layout constraints mean there are no pavements available. It provides access to schools, the GP surgery, local amenities, green spaces, and recreational facilities. However, its current uneven, unmade surface has made it difficult to use particularly for buggies, wheelchair users, mobility scooter users and generally in poor weather conditions.

Resurfacing the path will create a safer, all-weather route that is easier to maintain. The upgrade supports Fairford's wider goals to promote active travel, reduce car dependency and air pollution, as well as improve inclusive access for all residents. This important project is being delivered with the valuable support and partnership between the UK Shared Prosperity Fund, Fairford Town Council, and Public Rights of Way. Thanks to Fairford-based In2Groundworks for undertaking the work

SPEED REDUCTION IN FAIRFORD – AN UPDATE

New 20mph and 30mph signs have gone in around the Town in line with the agreement reached with Gloucestershire Highways via the Transport Plan Project. The signage will be completed as soon as practically possible. You may have noticed that some signs are currently bagged, this is because they require electrical connections, which are scheduled separately by the street lighting contractor.

When the Town Council proposed the initiative our aim was to include many more areas within the 20mph zone. However, Highways would not countenance our proposed scheme. A public consultation took place where residents and the Council had an opportunity to comment on the revised plans. Fairford Town Council have, since the project started, always strived to obtain further speed reductions at other locations around the town, but this was vetoed by Gloucestershire Highways on the grounds that there was not enough evidence to support our request and the streets did not meet the required criteria. The Town Council endeavored to incorporate as many locations as possible within this order. However, we are only a consultee and do not have the power to make the final decision. A full copy of the TRO report is on the Town Council website www.fairfordtowncouncil.gov.uk/roads-traffic-parking.

The Town Council is aware that the extent of the current TRO is suboptimal and doesn't address all the concerns raised by residents. However, we are committed to continuing to press Gloucestershire Highways regarding expanding the extent of the 20mph zones and reducing speed limits in other areas of the town.



THANK YOU FROM FAIRFORD STEAM SHOW 2025

The sun shone and Fairford Steam Show welcomed thousands of steam, classic and retro enthusiasts to the third year of this increasingly popular event.

There was Steam in the Square on the Friday night with big steam engines and mini-steam chock-full in Fairford's Market Place alongside the traditional music organ playing old favourites.

Several charities/clubs also attended the Show to fundraise for their cause. In total, around £4,000 was raised by these organisations: Royal British Legion (Fairford branch); Fairford WI; Fairford & District Men in Sheds; the Police Dog Trust; Fairford Girl Guides and the British Legion Riders.

To honour former Mayor of Fairford, Trevor Hing MBE, who sadly passed away this year, one of the steam engines was named after this prominent Fairford figure.

The Fairford Steam Show committee would like to sincerely thank Fairford Town Council for its on-going support every year since the Show's come-back in 2023. The Steam Show aims to showcase local businesses and community groups as well as what's good about Fairford.



*Steam engine named after former Mayor of Fairford, Trevor Hing MBE
L-R: Robert Hing (son), Steve Evans (Steam Chair), Alicia Jess (daughter)*

NEWS FROM ST MARYS FAIRFORD

As we head into the autumn there's plenty going on at St Mary's, and some special performances and services that the Fairford community might be interested in.

In October, our annual Baby Loss Memorial Service, in conjunction with the wonderful Embrace support group for those who have lost little ones at any age or stage will be on the 11th October at 3pm – just show up on the day. Later that day we will be lifted by the fabulous Blue Notes with the Coln Choir, performing their 'Harvest Harmonies' in aid of the Great Western Air Ambulance.

The day after, at 10am on Sunday 12th October we'll have our annual Harvest Thanksgiving, at which we will be collecting food and donations for the Cirencester Food Bank, which of course is the mother branch of our food bank here in Fairford.

In November we have a chance to remember the people we've lost over the past year or before, at our Remembering Service – 3pm on the 2nd November. If you'd like a loved one's name to be read out, do let us know, and we'll add them to the list of those being remembered. Come along to light and candle and take a moment in remembrance. Remembrance Sunday of course is the 9th November, with the usual wonderful parade with the Royal British Legion and uniformed organisations in Fairford.

Finally, our own St Mary's Church Choir will be giving a concert from 2.30pm to 4pm on the 19th November, offering a mixture of secular and sacred music. Free to come along, with refreshments available, but donations gratefully received.

Hope to see you this autumn season!

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PLANNING MATTERS

The big news on the Planning front is that the revised application for the land West of Hatherop Road has been approved by the CDC Planning Committee, subject to sorting out a few final details. This better meets the aims of the policies in the Fairford Neighbourhood Plan, providing a better mix of housing to meet local need and also including 'Grampian' conditions restricting the numbers that can be occupied until upgrades to water supply capacity and the Fairford Sewage Treatment Works have been completed. We are continuing to press Thames Water through our Joint Working Group (and the Government, through the District's MPs) to ensure the timely completion of these projects as a priority despite Thames Water's current financial problems. This planning permission should strengthen Fairford's defence against unwanted speculative planning applications due to the District's current lack of a 5 year housing land supply (in accordance with national policy).

I have to express the Council's disappointment that the developer and the relevant authorities did not manage to get the Public Right of Way footpaths, especially the circular path around Lake 104, reopened in accordance with the planning conditions, so that the local public would have use of them for the summer period. This development was supposed to have been completed within 4 years from the start of construction (March 2021), but the end of the disruption still does not seem to be in sight and the relevant authorities (GCC PROW and CDC Planning) have been much too slow to act despite our pressing them repeatedly on this.

A recent Planning Advisory Service review of CDC Planning Services highlighted both Enforcement and engagement concerning the Local Plan Update as areas requiring improvement. Enforcement priorities must include the provision of the section 106 agreement requiring the provision of the Leisure Facility building at lake 104 and the associated Access Agreement. This is much needed locally to make up for the loss of the Fairford Sports Centre to Farmor's School. Without such facilities and other necessary infrastructure improvements, Fairford really cannot be considered a sustainable location for more new housing beyond that already planned.

Cllr Richard Harrison, Mayor & Chair of Planning



FAIRFORD TENNIS CLUB

From summer tournaments to league matches. From coaching sessions to fundraising events, Fairford Tennis Club is buzzing with activity:

- **Tournament:** Our biggest ever tournament, including our first Improvers Competition, was a great success! Congratulations to all our 2025 winners. Stalwart work from organiser Richard Jeffreys, John Beer & the BBQ team, our umpires and all players.
- **Coaching:** Ben Griffin's courses continue to go from strength to strength. The new term continues until mid-December and you can join in for Juniors or Adults tennis at any point. The courses end in mid-December and there's a half term break week beginning 27 October. Details here: <https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/fairfordtennisclub/Coaching>
- **Leagues:** Congratulations go to our men's and women's teams for maintaining our positions in our divisions through some very tough matches. The Mixed Winter League starts in October - contact pgardner2016@gmail.com if you have an interest in playing.
- **Membership:** New joiners now get **50% off** as we are through peak season. Do join up via: <https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/fairfordtennisclub/Membership/Join>

Clubhouse Fundraising - Our Top Priority

A new clubhouse is the number one goal for our future. We'll be sharing more exciting updates about this project in the coming weeks.

In the meantime, one way you in the community can help is by introducing us to **potential sponsors** - local businesses, employers, or organisations who might be interested in supporting the club.

Please get in touch via fairfordtennis@gmail.com if you have suggestions or want more information.

We've already started working on fundraising. A superb raffle organised by Penny and Annie climaxed at the Cricket Club.

The winners' draw was set against a backdrop of the Men's Wimbledon Finals on the Big Screen!

Together, we can build on this and make the new clubhouse a reality!



A POEM

I am the special one.
When we speak up, all of our voices are all very unique.
Will this be a chance for our citizens to speak?
I want to have success in my life in order to make a choice.
Could this be my chance to hear and use my voice?
Our voices shall be a chorus of wails.
Should we let our voices tell a lot of tales.
Sometimes our lives can make us stumble and fall.
Should we pick ourselves up, as we got through it all?
We all have our little moments that are full of woe.
Should our lives predict our futures- we will never know?
I allow myself to have the feeling of pain and suffering in my life.
Will my criticism be met with wounds that cut deep just like a knife.
All of our lives are tangled up in a cobweb that even we can't see.
Will our decisions in life change whoever we maybe?
Do our friends influence us to try something new?
Are we ever going to have an alternate view?
Our lives are full of surprises that unravel right in front of our own eyes.
Could our future get us to change what we visualize?
We are all one of a kind that makes us feel very special.
Do all of our lives take a different level?
All of our lives, we reach up to the sky.
Would our lives teach us how to fly?
We all have our passions that are full of love.
Should our lives allow us to fly towards our dreams-just like a dove?
Our rainbows are aglow with a lot of light.
Should we let our true colors be very bright?
Our thoughts controls all of our kind deeds.
Should we ignore our friend's needs?
My aim in life is to love one another and have a lot of protection.
Will I listen to other people's hate and rejection?
Are we going to stand together to make a change?
All of us are unique in our own little ways to make us very strange.

By Elizabeth Bull, a Fairford resident.

FAIRFORD HISTORY SOCIETY

Thursday 16th October
at 7.30pm
at Fairford Community Centre

The Lockheed U-2 Dragon Lady (if RAF Fairford operational requirements permit)
or
Fairford Miscellany:
memories through film and oral history

Thursday November
20th at 7.30pm
at Fairford Community Centre
'A Titanic Effort' : RMS Carpathia's dash to save the stricken liner
by Paul Barnett

Visitors are welcome to attend meetings at £3 per session

For further information contact Alison on 01285 711768 or email: enquiry@fairfordhistory.org.uk or visit www.fairfordhistory.org.uk



FAIRFORD COMMUNITY VOICE

Hopefully you found the spring article on hedgehog care useful (the one about through routes across your garden etc). As promised, here is the article about care for hedgehogs in autumn. There are two main issues to be aware of: bonfires and hibernation.



The main problems with bonfires arise when you build bonfires well in advance of lighting them, giving time for hedgehogs (and other small mammals) to take shelter in them; this is particularly true around November 5th. So here is the advice.

1. MOVE the materials to clear ground on the day the fire is to be lit
2. CHECK the pile carefully just before striking the match
3. OFFER an escape route by only lighting from one side - this gives anything hidden in the heap one final chance to escape.

In the autumn hedgehogs need to hibernate and in order to survive through to spring they need to be a good weight before they go into hibernation. They can have a second litter in late summer but these hoglets are less likely to survive without help. You do sometimes see hedgehogs out and about in the autumn months but when should you intervene? They need to be at least 450g (but the bigger the better) by the end of October to stand a reasonable chance of making it through the winter so if you are concerned about a small hedgehog, the best thing is to weigh it. Take the kitchen scales out to the garden and maybe have a pair of gardening gloves to pick it up and a big deep box handy just in case you find it is too small. Hedgehogs will usually curl into a ball when picked up and will sit on the scales just long enough to be weighed (try putting it in a large bowl if it moves too much). Any that are 450g or more can be released again immediately, but those that are under 450g would need to go to a hedgehog rescue centre (Oak and Furrow, just beyond Cricklade 01793 751412, please leave a donation if you use them) as soon as possible. Keep them warm and leave some water (NOT MILK) and perhaps some food (wet dog or cat food is fine) in the box if you are delayed.

A quick note, if you are thinking of providing a hedgehog with a home, then look no further than our 'Men's Shed' Hedgehog House, £40. Just email info@fairfordmensshed.co.uk

Once again, many thanks to the British Hedgehog Preservation Society for their help with this article - new members to BHPS are always welcome!

Contact for FCV is, as usual, email info@fairfordcv.org.uk and the website is www.fairfordcv.org.uk





W4W AUTUMN NEWSLETTER

Thank you to everyone who supported our summer activities!

We had a wonderful season filled with community spirit, and now as autumn arrives and the colder months draw in, we're excited to share what's coming next.

Warm Welcome Space Returns

This autumn, W4W is bringing back its Warm Welcome Space at Fairford Community Centre.

- Free refreshments
- A place to socialise, relax, or even work remotely
- Regular social activities including bingo, afternoon tea, beetle drives, and crochet sessions

Previously, the Warm Welcome Room has run Mondays, Tuesdays, and Fridays, 10am–2pm. Please look out for confirmed dates soon.

We're also hoping to bring back Community Meals this winter (grant funding pending).

Digital Support

Thanks to the DAISI Project, W4W was able to offer a 4-week digital workshop in September. If you missed it, don't worry – we're now offering 1-to-1 digital support sessions to help with devices, apps, and internet use. Please get in touch if you'd like to book a slot.

Talking Cafés

- Wednesdays, 10:30am–12pm – Fairford Community Centre
- Thursdays, 10:30am–12pm – Lechlade Baptist Church

We're very grateful to Budgens for sponsoring our tea, milk, and biscuits. Our cafés are more than just a social – they're a community information hub.

Each month we welcome guest speakers, and in November we hope to host another Covid & Flu Jab Clinic. Please contact Mary Ann for details.

A special thank you to the Mercers for supporting the core costs of this group.

Play & Stay – Fairford Community Centre

Every Wednesday, 10:30am–12pm (alongside the Talking Café).

A FREE group for families to enjoy playtime while parents and carers connect over a cuppa. Funding runs out in January – please come along and support the group so we can keep it going.

Community Garden (Fairford)

Fairford Town Council has transformed an overgrown space with benches and fresh soil. Volunteers are now needed to help with:

- Bulb planting
- Watering
- Managing small areas of the garden

If you'd like to get involved, please contact Mary Ann 07555738138 or email maryann.dibbs@w4w.uk



W4W AUTUMN NEWSLETTER CONT'D

Regular Activities

Senior Yoga

Mondays – A mainstream yoga class adapted for over-65s, led by a qualified instructor.

Thanks to Rural Elm Bespoke Buildings, we're able to subsidise sessions. Due to high demand, we are looking for 4 new participants so we can split into two groups. Cost: £4 per class.

Peer Movement Class

Wednesdays, 9:30am – A 30-minute, YouTube-led fitness session.

This FREE, low-intensity workout is great for beginners and is kindly funded by Bromford Housing.

Friday Toddler Group – *First Steps*

We were thrilled to welcome 15 little ones back at our first session after summer, with special guest Jo Jingles leading singing and games.

Later this term, we'll add soft play, messy play, and more guest speakers. Keep an eye on socials for updates. £1 per family at United Church 79 Milton Street Fairford.

Shopping Trips

Usually the last Friday of the month – but due to demand, we're heading to Millets Farm in October and November.

The Christmas shopping trip to the Orbital will be on 12th December.

Cost: £3 per person. Please contact Mary Ann to book.

Craft & Chat

- Thursday, 25th September (Fairford) – *I Felt Fantastic* (£7) – create something amazing in felt.
- Thursday, 2nd October (Lechlade Baptist Church, 7–9pm) – *Crafts with Amy* (£5).

If you'd like to get involved, please contact Mary Ann 07555738138 or email maryann.dibbs@w4w.uk





Friends of Fairford and Lechlade Communities

Registered Charity Number: 1180059

Funded Counselling for Young People 11-18

We are thrilled to be partnering with Cotswold Counselling to offer short term counselling sessions for young people aged 11 to 18, living within Fairford, Lechlade and the surrounding villages. To find out more and to download an application form, please see our website. www.friendsoffairford.org.uk/grant-funding

Footcare Funding

We are pleased to announce our new Footcare Funding stream is open for applicants. The Charity is offering funding to cover up to four appointments per year, with a qualified Footcare Practitioner at Fairford Therapy Centre. Please download and complete an Application Form from our website. For any queries please call 01285 707300. Applications now open - www.friendsoffairford.org.uk

Edna Dawes Lunch Club Volunteers and Drivers

The Edna Dawes Lunch Club is ideal for the isolated and lonely. We provide a sociable day out with a hot meal, activities and transport for just £10. If you are able to help at either a Monday or Wednesday lunch sessions, please contact EDLC Team Leader, Freya, 07713 607106 or email edlc@friendsoffairford.org.uk.

We are also currently struggling with a lack of drivers to support the Lunch Club. Our Lunch Club has a huge positive impact on the mental wellbeing of the lonely and isolated. If you are able to take members to and from the Lunch Club we would really appreciate your help. You can drive your own vehicle or we can arrange for you to drive the minibus. Please contact EDLC Team Leader, Freya for more information 07713 607106 or EDLC@friendsoffairford.org.uk

Bereavement Café

Our Bereavement Café runs on the first Friday of every month, for people who have suffered a loss and would like to talk. Our nursing team are there to welcome you with a hot drink and always plenty of cakes. Drop in between 10:00 and 12:00, Fairford Community Centre, Barker Room. If you have any questions, please call 07938244335 or email admin@friendsoffairford.org.uk

Who are we?

Our Charity offers a huge range of services within the local area. Please see our website or call to find out more www.friendsoffairford.org.uk or 01285 707300.



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2025

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FAIRFORD GARDENER'S CLUB



Thursday October 9th 2025

7.30 p.m.

Wildlife in the Garden

Helen Mugridge

Thursday November 13th 2025 3.00p.m.

AGM/Social meeting

For more information contact

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PALMER HALL

The Palmer Hall film in October will be '**Salt Path**': A couple lose their home and later discover that the husband has been diagnosed with a terminal illness as they embark on a year-long coastal trek.

Date: Wednesday 8th October

In November, we are hoping to show the latest Downton Abbey film, The Grand Finale. However, as there isn't a release date for the film yet, we may need to swap it for another, and show **The Grand Finale** at a later date: When Mary finds herself in a public scandal and the family faces financial trouble, the household grapples with the threat of social disgrace.

Date: Wednesday 12th November

Doors open at 7.00 for 7.30 start. Admission £4.00 to include tea and biscuits. Glass of wine £3.50.



THE JAZZ CLUB

At Fairford

Bacharach Meets Blue Note

The Little Live Music Co. presents a jazz quintet of distinction, performing music from Burt Bacharach and classic Blue Note Records
Jazz greats!

Stuart Henderson - trumpet
Robert Fowler - sax
Alex Steele - piano
Paul Jefferies - double bass
Euan Palmer - drums

Tickets £22.00 from website / QR Code / call 07704 297119

Bar & food provided by Plough Inn
The Palmer Hall, London Rd, Fairford, GL7 4AQ

www.thejazzclub.uk



FAIRFORD PRE-SCHOOL FUNDRAISING

Little Explorers nursery is embarking on a massive fundraising campaign to redevelop its large outside space into a usable all-year-round educational play area.

Little Explorers is a term-time only nursery and pre-school offering half and full day sessions for children aged two and above from Fairford and surrounding villages.

Currently, Little Explorers nursery has two light and airy indoor classrooms and a large outside space that has huge potential. Unfortunately, there is a large bank of worn-away grass with lots of tree roots that has now become unsuitable for the children to use.

The funds will be used to cover the cost of reconstructing the bank to create a more manageable gradient and lay down strong, sun-safe, artificial grass to ensure the bank's longevity.

The children already enjoy outdoor learning and play on a flat area of garden with a non-slip, spongey surface. Some of the funds raised will go towards installing other areas of learning – like a herb garden, a gutter run for the children to use in investigations and some large cable reels to turn into play vehicles.

The fundraising team hope to raise at least £15,000. If you can help with fundraising or a donation, please contact Lucy Sherman on lsherman@fairford.gloucs.sch.uk.

24HR ACCESSIBLE DEFIBRILLATOR

LOCATIONS:

There are 9 publicly accessible defibrillators in Fairford. These are at the following locations:

- Fairford Fire Station, Hatherop Road.
- The Bull Hotel, Market Place.
- Fairford Youth Football Club, Horcott Road.
- The Old Phone Box, Milton Street.
- Bowls Club, East End.
- Queensfield Phone Box
- Keble Fields Estate
- Fairford Gate North (on Jacob's Piece)
- Fairford Gate South (on Honeybone Close)

Other defibrillators are available during operating hours at:

- Fairford Community Centre;
- Hilary Cottage Surgery;
- Fairford Town Football Club &
- White Cottage Dental Practice.



FAIRFORD WINS AWARD AT VILLAGE OF THE YEAR

The former Calor Village of the Year competition that was last held in 2014 was resurrected this year by Gloucestershire Rural Community Council to highlight communities with a population of no more than 5,000.

The aim of the competition is to celebrate community life and community achievements throughout the County.

Communities could enter any or all of the four categories: Community-led Health & Wellbeing; Climate & Environment; Inclusive Community and Digital & Innovation. There was also a prize for the overall winner and runner-up of Village of the Year.

Competing against very strong competition, it was an honour for Fairford to be declared the winner of the Digital & Innovation category sponsored by Renishaw. Margaret Bishop and Cllr Chris Roberts, who had both helped with completing the winning application, represented Fairford and were thrilled to receive the framed certificate, metal plaque and pledge of £2,000.

Talking to Nicky Price of BBC Radio Gloucestershire after the presentation, Chris Roberts said: “Fairford’s strap line is ‘Fairford – A Good Place To Be’ and winning this award just goes to prove what a good place Fairford is to live, work and play.”

Margaret Bishop further explained: “In the Village of the Year application, we highlighted all that Working 4 Wellbeing does in the community and I’m sure this was probably the main reason Fairford won this award. W4W offers so much help in so many ways to so many people in our community.”



Chris Roberts and Margaret Bishop