

The bride magazine National Awards - 29/2/12

We are absolutely thrilled at being shortlisted for Bridal Supplier of the Year by The Bridal Magazine. The phone call notifying us of our selection came as a complete shock.

We are competing with 4 other bridal shops which have a much larger 'catchment' area than us so this is really a call to arms.

Please vote for us by going to **Error! Hyperlink reference not valid.** & registering to vote.

Whilst it is a huge honour to be selected, it would be an even greater thrill to win so please support us by voting.

Many thanks

Sue Lund

Cariad Bride

Planning APPLICATION, Grove Airfield development - 29/2/12

A planning application has been submitted to the Vale of White Horse District Council for a new housing development on the old airfield to the west of Grove. The proposal is for 2,500 dwellings in a mix of market and affordable houses and flats. The council is keen to hear the views of local residents on the proposed development. The application can be viewed at <http://www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/groveairfield> and people can also leave their comments through this page.

VWHDC

[More information](#)

Faringdon Hum -29/2/12

I live in Marines Drive and could definitely hear the hum, more of a drone, last night (Tuesday 28th) at about 11pm. It was intermittent and the sound was getting longer about 5-10 seconds at a time.

It was not the electric substation in Park Road as I had just walked passed there half an hour before and its a very different sound. It also wasn't the traffic on the A420 as I know that sound having lived nearby for 10 years

. the plot thickens.

Sean The Mammoth

Sponsorship for Brighton Marathon- 27/2/12

In June last year Sarah Oliver put an appeal in this site for volunteers to run in the Brighton Marathon on April 15th on behalf of the Charity Hope and Aid Direct. There are a group of nine of us running for them and two of us are from Faringdon.

The charity has lots of support from Faringdon both in terms of fund raising and people taking aid out to Kosovo in the twice yearly convoys. It is a very worthwhile cause to support.

It would be great if some of you could sponsor either of us either by the just giving pages or sending to me.

Please make out any cheques to "Hope and Aid Direct". If you want us to increase the value of your gift by claiming gift aid tax relief please indicate that you are a UK tax payer and want us to claim gift aid.

<http://www.justgiving.com/ginge-is-running>

<http://www.justgiving.com/Steve-Bunce>

<http://www.hopeandaiddirect.net/>

Thank you for your support and encouragement.

Steve Bunce, Faringdon

'Faringdon Local' from Faringdon Radio - 27/2/12

A new show has just been released featuring interviews with Paul Mayhew-Archer the writer of Vicar of Dibley and Michael O'keefe an update on the newly opened Faringdons lcafe.

Also don't forget to listen to our music show '...from The Ladder Factory' episode 5 released last Thursday or maybe our most successful show our first book reading 'The Sensible Folly' read by the author Paul Cornell.

Any comments about the shows are welcome or if you have something you wish to promote your club, organisation or an event then please get in touch.

Sean

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Underground tunnels - 27/2/12

I was wondering if anyone could shed light on the supposed tunnels that run under Faringdon?

To my knowledge 2 tunnels run from the Crown public house and another one that runs to Faringdon house.

Does anyone know if this is true or if others exist?

I would be really appreciative if anyone has any information as I have trawled the internet!

Thanks to everyone involved in producing such a good local website.

Sam

samstrangewillows@hotmail.com

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Marlborough Gardens Reunion - 27/2/12

I am trying to organise a reunion of children who grew up on the Marlborough Gardens Estate at the start of the housing development in the 50's.

I have managed to find quite a few of the families but obviously tracking them is painstaking, if you or you know the whereabouts of any of the families I would be most grateful to hear from you.

You can contact me at gloria.foley@sky.com on 01235 523347.

Thankyou Gloria Foley (Nee Stallard)

Old Crown Coaching Inn - 25/2/12

Has any one tried the food in the old crown coaching inn the service is excellent and the new layout is 100% better than it was 2 months ago

come on faringdon you wanted wanted it to get a refit now its got one

name supplied

'...from The Ladder Factory' Faringdon Radios music show - 21/2/12

Another show of '...from The Ladder Factory' Faringdon Radio's music show is now available to listen to.

www.fromtheladderfactory.com

Sean

Faringdon Town Football Club New Players Wanted. - 24/2/12

Faringdon Town Football Club operate 3 mens sides in the North Berks Football League. The club are always on the look out for new players of all talents, and also run an excellent youth system with teams taking part in the Oxford Mail Boys League. or more information on joining please contact Simon Harrington on 07789 437227 or email simonh@handydistribution.co.uk

Faringdon Hum -24/2/12

Could it be the Faringdon Singers tuning up?
Name Supplied

Cotswold Volunteers Need Your Help.... - 23/2/12

Cotswold Volunteers have opened a charity shop in Marlborough Street, Faringdon (opposite Budgens) . We need your help to make it a success!

Just one half-day per week can really help. There are many 'behind the scenes' roles such as sorting, steaming, cleaning and polishing that are vital to the successful running of the shop as well as 'front-facing' display, sales and till work.

Special skills are not required as you will be fully trained but if you have any relevant experience it will certainly be put to good use!

Volunteering is not only a fun way to get involved with the charity but, with a real team atmosphere, it's also a great way to make new friends.

Cotswold Volunteers is a charitable organisation set up to promote volunteering and to help disadvantaged people in the Cotswolds to live life as fully as possible with the help of volunteers.

- It recruits and helps to place volunteers so they can provide vital support within the local community.
- It provides transport for the disadvantaged, frail and elderly and those who are isolated for whatever reason.
- It provides day care facilities for older people and others in need of care.

Anyone interested in volunteering is asked to contact Judy at Cotswold Volunteers on 01285 651246. Email judy@cotswoldvolunteers.org

Faringdon Hum -23/2/12

Re- the humming noise - have you checked out the transformer in Park Road, opposite Second 2None? Low frequencies travel a long way - this could be the answer
A Fox

Population of Faringdon - 23/2/12

As of May 2011 the population was 7,021. Since then more people have moved into the new housing being built so the answer is probably around 7,500.
Jane Boulton

Faringdon Radio - 21/2/12

'The Sensible Folly' an audio book by the novelist Paul Cornell
Our first book reading on Faringdon Radio has been a resounding success with almost 300 downloads in just over a week. This makes it the 2nd most popular show on Faringdon Radio after our Faringdon Brewery Special (and

that has been available to listen to for 10 months).

Why not you take a listen to 'The Sensible Folly' and enjoy a short audio story by a local novelist.

Sean

www.faringdonradio.com

ED(GW) It's a super story- and worth re reading, especially if you don't know too much about the Folly's past. Facts about the Folly at the back of the book.

You can buy a copy from the Tourist information office for £2.50. All proceeds go to maintain the Folly and Tower.

London St Chemist - 17/2/12

Brilliant to be able to go to a chemist in faringdon this morning at 7am

london street - would recommend as helpful polite and good service so much better than other chemist in faringdon
tony

Scrummy Sunday lunch at Rats - 16/2/12

Best Sunday lunch I've had for years- beautifully cooked- home made Yorkshires, freshly roasted potatoes and puds from the normal menu

I shall go again

Name Supplied

Population of Faringdon - 16/2/12

Does anyone know the current population of Faringdon? I see that it was 6,000 in 2001 but I can't find any more recent information.

Can anyone help me out?

Dave Morrell

Centre Manager SOLL Leisure

Faringdon Ecoweek 2012 - 16/2/12

Yes - the last ECOWEEK was in 2010; which means that there's going to be another ECOWEEK in 2012 : and it's going to be Sat 16th thru to Sat 23rd JUNE (gives us a week to recover from the Jubilee celebrations) .

The more people involved in putting it together - the easier for all! For over a year now, we've been meaning to create a more permanent ECO-group in Faringdon - rather than operating under the existing ad-hoc structure. The name we agreed on is "Sustainable Faringdon".

First Meeting of "Sustainable Faringdon" is THIS SUNDAY 19th Feb: 7.30pm - at 7 Leamington Drive - and of course the focus will be on ECOWEEK-2012 .

Hope you can join us!

If you CAN'T make the meeting, but still want to help in organising ECOWEEK, please DO let me know.

Best,

Sjoerd

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Community Awards Shortlist - 16/2/12

Clive Davis Community Hero award

Ann and Gordon Dowell

Mike Robinson
Peter Wentworth

Group Award (Faringdon Town Council)

Faringdon Fire and Rescue
Faringdon Scouts and Explorers
Free Church Cemetery Trust

Business award (Faringdon Chamber of Commerce)

Cost Cutters
Mobility Shop
Past Thomas Butchers

[Profiles for each of the shortlisted candidates](#)
[Voting from](#) (deadline 23rd March)

Faringdon Hum -15/2/12

Since moving to Faringdon three years ago, my family and I have noticed an occasional audible hum. It is usually noticeable at night (when quiet), especially on cold nights. It appears to be some sort of resonance in the air. We can hear it outside as well as indoors. Over the last couple of weeks, the hum has been very continuous and so pronounced that it has prevented us from getting to sleep and has on two occasions woken us up. Even ear plugs don't work.

My neighbours have heard it and reckon the noise is from Brize Norton, but I don't think so. The noise is too continuous, having heard it nonstop for three days this week. I was wondering if its noise/air movement from the wind turbines at Watchfield.
Any ideas where its coming from?.
Regards Mark

Faringdon Radio - 15/2/12

Faringdon Radios first book reading 'The Sensible Folly' read by the novelist Paul Cornell is now available to listen to on Faringdon Radio. If there are anymore local (ish) authors out there who want to get in touch maybe we could do a reading of your work.
If you don't want to do the reading yourself we can find someone who can do this for you. www.faringdonradio.com

Toy Found in Oakwood Park - 15/2/12

An electronic game has been found in Oakwood Park and kindly handed in to the Tourist Information Centre, Gloucester Street.
If you know who this belongs to please pop in or call 01367 242191.

The-icafe.com in Faringdon update! - 15/2/12

The-icafe.com in Faringdon is now open for internet or PC use, with hot and cold Drinks & Snacks.
PC and Laptop repairs for Hardware and Software,
We now do Repairs for all Smart Phones (including all iPhones !) also Phone unlocking service now offered for iPhones. Mobile repairs for computers and mobile Phones now offered .we also do photocopy, Fax and Scanning, and you can print from our computers as well as your laptop. large screen Internet gaming room to hire by the hour for parties and groups. Mothers and toddlers area in mornings soon to be open . If you just want to pop in for a coffee then that's fine! easy wheelchair and pram access to toilets.

Opening hours at the moment are, 9.15am to 6pm Mon-Sat and Sunday 12 to 5pm will stay open later if the shop

is busy. Call 01367 243567 or 07732 775190

Second to None car servicing - 15/2/12

I would like to express my thanks to Bob and his team at Second2None for helping me out with a car problem. Rang 4pm on Monday, took it in for 8am the following morning and fixed by 0830! Cracking service and cheap to boot.
Thank you
Colin

Boogie-Me for Hope & Aid Direct 14/2/12

A huge, huge, sincere thank you to everyone who came and supported Hope and Aid Direct on Saturday night at the Boogie Me gig with Citizen Cane. It really was so much fun and the great thing was we made a fabulous £1640 to boot.
We loved it so much, we're going to do it all again next February...can't wait!
We would also like to thank the Nut Tree for selling the tickets and the Portwell Angel for most generously supplying us with the 'glasses' and thank you to Scott Gildert for his technical expertise!
Our next fundraiser will be A Choir Concert on Friday 27 April.
We hope you will be able to come and enjoy an evening of singing with us.
More details to follow soon.
Sarah Oliver

'Faringdon Local' on Faringdon Radio - 13/2/12

In this weeks show we have an interview with Paul Cornell about his book 'The Sensible Folly' and Karen Vogt about the Arura Faringdon Friendship Association.
If you would like to promote your club, event, charity or have an interest that you would like to tell us about then please get in touch so that we can make a feature of it on one of our shows.
Also don't forget to check out our music show '...from The Ladder Factory'.
Sean
www.faringdonradio.com

Cat Found - 13/2/12

Friendly Cat found on the edge of Faringdon near Great Coxwell.
Is it yours? or do you know of anyone whose pet Cat has gone missing in the last few weeks or months??
Would like to return it to it's rightful owner. Call 07523 985364 if this could be your missing cat.
Name Supplied

Dog Fouling - response from Environment Warden VWHDC- 13/2/12

Allowing your dog to foul and not picking up after your dog is not only disgusting but against the law. I will attend the area (viewpoint Highworth Road) to assess the situation and place some new dog fouling signs in prominent locations. Any dog walkers that I come across will be approached to ensure that they are fulfilling their responsibilities as a dog owner. Dog fouling is a difficult crime to catch as many dog walkers use the cover of darkness or make sure that no one is around before moving on without picking up after their dog.

Ideally, I need the intelligence of who is causing the issue and any description of the person and the dog would assist me in identifying the culprit.

Any signs of dog fouling can be reported to the Council's waste contractor Biffa on 03000 610610 who will arrange for the mess to be cleared up.

Alternatively they can be emailed on admin.vale@biffa.co.uk

Regards, Colin Marshall Environment Warden Vale of White Horse District Council Abbey House Abbey Close Abingdon Oxon OX14 3JE

01235 547641 colin.marshall@southandvale.gov.uk

Red Lion - 11/2/12

Good to discover that attempts are being made to pull round the Red Lion in Faringdon. A temporary management family is in place and we found yesterday that they are determined to restore it to its former popularity. Main meals are being offered at £5 for two and they are bending over backwards to provide an amiable atmosphere .

You'd think,at this similarly amiable price,that quality might suffer . No it doesn't . We had table service,there's a simple menu and the food was excellent....

Bill Rennells

Great Coxwell Teas - 11/2/12

I'm not really sure that I want to share this because it's a gem of a secret at the moment.

On the first Sunday of the month, in the Reading Room at Great Coxwell, tea, coffee etc and THE MOST DELICIOUS cakes are available....

it's like a very quaint little country tea room that not many people know about (I mean tablecloths, flowers, heating on etc!).

The organisers are fundraising for the play park in Gt Coxwell.

The tea room is open from 2.30pm – 5pm.

Sarah

Incident at the Duke of Wellington- 10/2/12

I was talking to the present Officer in Charge of the Fire Station, David Arlott. He told me that a water pipe had burst (due to being frozen) in the empty building and flooded the premises including the cellar, which after turning off the water supply they pumped out the cellar, apparently neighbours spotted water coming from the empty building.

Bill Law, (Retired O.I.C. Fire Station.)

P.s. Anybody know whats going to happening to the Duke?

Faringdon Cricket Club new players wanted. - 10/2/12

The winter is nearly over which means its cricket time once again. Faringdon & District Cricket club will be starting senior winter nets sessions at Faringdon Leisure Centre on Sunday 19th February from 12 - 2pm.

New members are welcome regardless of age and ability.

For more information please contact Mike Hume 07968 651230.

'...from The Ladder Factory' - 9/2/12

Faringdon Radios music show '...from The Ladder Factory' has a new episode out now. SPREAD THE WORD

www.fromtheladderfactory.com

Good food all sewn up - 9/2/12

Great article about Rats Castle in the Swindon Advertiser, 9th Feb

See http://www.swindonadvertiser.co.uk/leisure/fooddrink/reviews/9523100.Good_food_all_sewn_up/

Ed(GW)

Local History - 9/2/12

Do have any photos or documents about Faringdon, people or events from the past? Maybe you'd like a safe place for them, a place where others can see them or maybe you would allow copies to be made.

If you have something of interest please contact Rosemary Church, she'll include them in the artefacts in the History archive room above the library.

Rosemary also offers a deed transcription service. If you lend her your old deeds, she will transcribe them and return the old deeds to you with a copy of the transcription. She'll put a copy in the history room. This will cost you nothing.

Contact Rosemary on fdahs@eurobod.co.uk

Duke of Wellington- what's happened? - 8/2/12

Does anyone know what was happening at the Duke of Wellington last night, police/fire crews there all evening?
Name supplied

This is a Community Message from Thames Valley Police. - 7/2/12

Burglary – London Street, Faringdon Overnight between Thursday 2nd and Friday 3rd February, a property in London Street, Faringdon, was burgled.

Offender(s) gained entry via an insecure rear door and stole a handbag from the kitchen.

If you have seen any suspicious looking people or vehicles in the area, or have any information relating to this message, please call the police on the new national single non-emergency telephone number 101 and state you are responding to a Ringmaster message.

Alternatively if you have information but wish to remain anonymous, please call Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

Illuminated Shop Signage - 7/2/12

I notice that the new VIP hair salon near the Fire Station has illuminated exterior signage. I was always under the impression that planning regulations did not permit this.

Has there been a change of policy in planning recently or have I been mistaken for all these years?

Name Supplied

ED(GW) I think planning permission is needed for an illuminated sign

Community Bus trips - 3/2/12

Thurs 23rd February

Faringdon Community Bus trip to Milletts Garden Centre, depart Market Place 1:15pm, tickets £5.00 from Faringdon TIC

Thursday 22nd March

Faringdon Community Bus trip to Banbury Castle Quay Shopping Centre, depart Market Place Market Place 1:15pm, tickets £10.00 from Faringdon TIC

Tuesday 10th April

Faringdon Community Bus trip to Lechlade & Lechlade Garden Centre, depart Market Place 1:15pm, tickets £4.00 from Faringdon TIC

Thursday 26th April

Faringdon Community Bus trip to Aston Pottery & Witney, depart Market Place 1:15pm, tickets £5.00 from Faringdon TIC

<http://www.faringdoncommunitybus.co.uk/>

Dog Fouling - 2/2/12

Here we go again, a new dog dumping ground appears to be along the grass verges from Orchard Hill to the viewing point on the Highworth road. Someone with a large dog is leaving large piles of dog's mess along these verges and believe me there is a lot of it.

Perhaps the dog warden could take note, this person needs to be caught and fined.

Name supplied

ED(GW) Contact colin.marshall@southandvale.gov.uk the VWHDC Dog warden- he'll sort it out

Second round for sport facilities funding opportunities - 3/2/12

Sports clubs in the Vale of White Horse and South Oxfordshire looking to extend or modernise their facilities have another chance to apply for funding.

In total, £50 million of Inspired Facilities funding, provided by the Lottery Plus Partnership, is available until 2014, with money allocated equally over five rounds.

The first round of applications took place in August with Henley Tennis Club being awarded £50,000 towards a new pavillion and Cumnor Cricket Club receiving just under £32,000 to help pay for a new three-bay cricket net.

Applications for the second round of £10 million funding begins on Wednesday 1 February. There will be another round later in the year, with the final two in 2013/14, so there will be plenty of opportunities for clubs to apply.

Inspired Facilities is part of the Sport England's Places People Play initiative, which aims to bring the inspiration and magic of the 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games to the heart of local communities.

Up to a thousand grants are available throughout the country between £20,000 and £150,000. Those applying for funding are required to identify an appropriate amount of money from other sources to support their application.

Applications for the funding can be submitted by any organisation entitled to receive public funding, including voluntary or community organisations, local authorities, sports clubs, playing field associations and educational establishments.

For further information, to apply for Inspired Facilities funding and for ideas of possible improvements that could be made to your club's facilities, go to <http://inspiredfacilities.sportengland.org/>

Faringdon Youth Club 1949-1963 - 2/2/12

Russell Spinages' Youth Club transformed the lives of many young people in the 1950s and early 1960s.

Have a look at the photos and scrap books(compiled by Peggy Spinage) in the [History section](#) of this site
Many of the young people (now less young!) are still around Faringdon. I'm sure you'll recognise a few
ED(GW)

The icafe.com Faringdon has now opened - 2/2/12

Hello all, just a quick note to say that the icafe.com has now opened !!!
not all products and services will be available from the opening but we will be adding to the list of many things that will be going on at the café over the next few months.
internet, pc use, A4 printing, coffee, tea ,snacks and cold drinks, lessons, repairs and some parts are now up and running,

So pop in and say hello, even if its just to look around! any ideas you have on what I should do and sell please let me know and I will see what I can do!

The icafe.com

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