

Plants for Sale - 31/3/12

Val Hudspeth of 14 Fernham Road has been selling plants for the past 4 years with proceeds going to Macmillan Cancer Support. Val has a range of plants which include perennials, herbs, veg. as the year progresses. Later (end April beginning of May) she will have begonia and verbena (bedding plants). Val wants to encourage us to grow plants that will attract 'pollinators' into the garden and, to that end is trying to produce as many plants as possible for that.

Fancy having a go at growing your own? Val has broad bean, runner bean, french bean and pea seeds available. Broad beans and peas can be sown now but it's a bit early for the french and runners, but you can be prepared!

Easter is traditionally the time when the gardening year begins in earnest. If you have nay gaps that need filling, come and browse.
Val

Skate Park - 29/3/12

I walked past the other day, many of those using the park were well over 18 years old. So it is not open? Why are these people using it then and who is insured?
What have our elected representatives got to say about this other than there usual nothing, just claim your expenses to attend meeting but don't dare interact with the community.
The Consultant

Vale of the White Horse Branch, Berkshire Family History Meeting - 30/3/12

21 May 2012	The common lodging-house in Victorian England	Liz Woolley
16 Jul 2012	Fair Mile Revealed: the Victorian Asylum	Mark Stevens
17 Sept 2012	Berkshire's Manorial Records	Sarah Charlton
15 Oct 2012	My Grandfather knew Lloyd George	Peter Preston
19 Nov 2012	Horatio Davis: Abingdon's local hero?	John Foreman
21 Jan 2013	Abingdon Malting Industry	Bruce Hedge
18 Feb 2013	The Social History of the English Civil War Solider	Alan Turton
18 Mar 2013	Gallon Loaves & Fustian Frocks: The Wantage Poor Law Union	Hazel Brown

For more information phone 07851206313 or email vale@BerksFHS.org.uk
We are hoping to attract people from the Faringdon area and will hopefully be holding an event in Faringdon soon
Sue Matthews

MUSTARD SEED: What's a Hindu at Easter? - 30/3/12

[Click here to read on](#)

GO activities

New activities in Faringdon for you to try every Thursday evening starting on the 5th April:

Social Rounders at 5.30-6.30

Beginners Jogging at 6.30-7.15pm.

£2 each, meet at Faringdon Leisure Centre Field.

More information ring 01235 547646

Skate Park- delayed opening - 29/3/12

I see that the long running saga of the Faringdon Skate Park has now made it to the BBC News web site

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-oxfordshire-17539341> .

After all this time I am not surprised that the members of SK8 extremely frustrated.

Mugshots

'The Rise and Fall of Little Voice' - 26/3/12

AmEgos are producing Jim Cartwright's 'The Rise and Fall of Little Voice' this September and are looking for an outstanding male actor to take the part of Ray Say

Ray - playing age 30 - 55, bit of a wide boy, is an agent for performers on the northern club circuit but only has 'a crooner, a dog act and two strippers' on his books at the moment. The actor needs to be able to sing (but not necessarily well!!) Roy Orbison's It's Over.

This is a fantastic part, played originally on stage by Pete Postlethwaite and in the film by Michael Caine. The play is set 'in the north', so an accent is required although we'd be happy to hear other accents if it fitted the character. You might want to check out YouTube clips to get a 'feel' for the role.

We will audition for this role on **Sunday 22nd April at Sudbury House Hotel**, Faringdon. Please contact Lesley at lesleyannep2@btinternet.com to register your interest.

Little Voice will be staged in the first week of September - venue to be finalised - in the Local area. Rehearsals will take place in Wantage and Faringdon and will be flexible dependent on cast availability.

AmEgos is a new not-for-profit company that brings together the best actors and stage technicians from around the area to put on plays and musicals that they are passionate about.

Lesley

AmEgos

Faringdon Radio - 26/3/12

In this show: new Faringdon's women's drop-in group and details of a 5 choir concert in support of Hope and Aid Direct.

www.faringdonradio.com

And don't miss our music show www.fromtheladderfactory.com

Folly Tower open this Sunday 1st April - 26/3/12

Our very own Folly Tower is open for the first time this year this coming Sunday, 11am-5pm.

Adults £2, 11-16s 50p, under 11s free

Check out the fantastic views over 5 counties and find out about the history of Folly Hill, Henry James Pye (of sing a song of sixpence fame), Oliver Cromwell and the very eccentric Lord Berners (the creator of the tower).

Seek out the 24 black birds and giant willow pie, Cromwell's cannon, the fairly useless bridge and more. Please do not feed the giraffes!!

Calling all Faringdon businesses: only 7 days left to join the FREE Faringdon loyalty card scheme - 15/3/12

Faringdon Chamber of Commerce, supported by the Vale of White Horse District Council and Faringdon Town Council will shortly launch a town-wide loyalty card scheme in Faringdon.

There is a very similar scheme operating successfully in Wantage & Grove, with over 60 participating businesses of all shapes and sizes from a wide range of sectors (hairdressers, shops, pubs, restaurants, cafés, garages, vehicle repairs, beauty therapists, etc). The scheme would be very simple to introduce and for the first 12 months, all businesses would be able to join, without incurring a financial cost.

The only commitment you would have to give would be a 'loyalty offer' to all card-holders.

Shoppers would be invited to buy a loyalty card that would entitle them to a 'special offer' in each of the participating businesses. This 'offer' would vary from business to business and might be something like 5% off all purchases; or for a business with low average spend could be 5% off all purchases over £7. Businesses may also like to offer variable offers to clear end of season ranges and in which case you would simply have to state 'see monthly offer'. Ultimately the business would decide the offer and this would be communicated to all households in Faringdon and the surrounding villages on a regular basis.

[More information](#)

Deadline for committing to join this scheme is 31st March because we will launch the scheme in Spring
Email : denise@presentationgifts.co.uk or telephone 01367 241111 to register your interest in this scheme.

New Faringdon Maps

The walk map created by a Faringdon walkers and cyclists group in 2004 has been updated. You can download it from our [maps and photos section](#)

A map showing all the businesses in Faringdon has been produced through Faringdon Chamber of Commerce. This can be found in [the business section](#)

Would a Turkey vote for Christmas ? - 24/3/12

Highly unlikely and yet many pensioners will continue to Vote Conservative because they always have done and the other lot would probably be just as bad, if not worse.

The Granny Tax, so called, will not break anyone's bank but it shows that Mr Osborne thinks of Pensioners as an easy target,

If you feel that he should be disillusioned go to the Government E-Petition Website. Put "Restoration of Age Related Tax Allowances" into the Search Box and register your protest Vote.

Power to the Geriatrics !

Community awards and Annual Town Meeting- 23/3/12

At the Corn Exchange 7pm for Community awards followed by Town Meeting 8pm

Everyone is welcome to attend both events

June Rennie

Town Clerk

Faringdon Radio - '...from The Ladder Factory' - 12/3/12

Our music show '...from The Ladder Factory' - episode 7 is out now.

www.fromtheladderfactory.com

£250,000 still available to support rural businesses - 22/3/12

£250,000 in grant funding is still available for rural businesses in Southern Oxfordshire looking to develop or expand.

The Southern Oxfordshire LEADER Programme has funding available to support a wide range of projects for farmers, tourism and community based businesses.

In 2009 the Southern Oxfordshire LEADER programme, a joint initiative involving South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse District Councils, was awarded £1.89 million of European funding to support rural projects, including farms, up to 2013. So far 44 businesses have received a significant boost after successfully applying for a share of the funding.

[More information](#)

MUSTARD SEED: Take Action NOW: Stop Cruelty to Chocolate Chickens ! - 21/3/12

[CLICK HERE TO READ ON](#)

Sjoerd

Garden Plants for sale - 21/3/12

Please watch this space for details of our plant sale next month in Stanford In The Vale.
All proceeds go to Marie Curie.

Excellent car repair service - 22/3/12

It's not often I feel the need to recommend any service or business in the area, but an exception must be made! Mr Jonas, of ALEX JONAS CAR & LIGHT COMMERCIAL VEHICLE REPAIRS, really does deserve exception. I had the misfortune of a broken exhaust system during a return journey from work late in the evening. I was able to contact Alex the same night and he arranged to collect the vehicle the next day from my home in Faringdon. Not only did he manage to replace two sections of the exhaust, but also checked all fluid levels, replaced a faulty headlight and corrected an overinflated tyre (recently replaced by another garage), at no extra charge! Mr Jonas returned the vehicle the same day and only charged one hours' labour (£30) for the whole job.

It is not often, in this day and age, that such an honest level of good service and genuine value can be obtained. I will certainly be using the services of Mr Jonas again and have no hesitation in personally recommending this excellent business to you all.

Thank you Alex!

Ian Hazell

Blue Plaques - 16/3/12

Faringdon -unlike neighbouring towns -has no blue plaques so I am trying to remedy this but there are various problems.One is re Judge Jeffreys (1645 - 1689) - the notorious Hanging Judge who held his court in the Crown.This seems to have been after the Monmouth rebellion but I have failed to find the date for when he was in Faringdon - which I must get to obtain a plaque. There is a very strong tradition that he was here - hence the

Courtroom and the Judge's Stairs in the Crown- and that he hanged local people at where is now the florist's shop. He is said to have greatly enjoyed watching executions - so whenever he was here it was probably for too long as far as the town was concerned!

If anyone can help me find the date I shall be very grateful.
Margaret Barker

Who was Jasper? - 15/3/12

The cricket, rugby, sk8 and hopefully soon also tennis clubs are on a field that Faringdonians call "JASPERS HILL" < yes - that's the more authentic spelling.

The cul-de-sac off Berners Way is probably a developer's corruption!) . Does anyone know who JASPER was ? (Or - perhaps still is!)
And is it a first name or surname? Or is it JASPERS perhaps ?
Sjoerd

A FREE Loyalty Card Scheme for Faringdon businesses - 15/3/12

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Not again - 15/3/12

Forget the Faringdon Hum It seems that the season has returned, the dreadful moronic thud-thud of monotonous music in the Market Place at 1.30 AM. This added to the door being opened and closed, giving a whar-whar effect. Does not set me in a good mood for the rest of the day when I cant get a restful sleep until after 2.00 AM. Seems time has come for the annual grumble to the noise pollution and licensing people.
Andy

Bus Users Forum- 15/3/12

Bus Users UK Oxford Group has pleasure in inviting you to the next Bus Users' Forum for Oxford. It will be on Thursday 22 March in the Assembly Room at Oxford Town Hall. As usual, doors will open at 6 pm and the meeting will be from 6.30 to 9 pm.

Oxfordshire County Council, Oxford Bus Co, Stagecoach in Oxfordshire and Thames Travel will be represented throughout the evening. Arriva the Shires is unable to provide a representative this time, but remains committed to taking part in future Bus Users' Forums.

On this occasion Oxford City Council will also be represented during the first part of the evening. This is to answer questions about shelters and seats at bus stops in Oxford. In the last three years ClearChannel has installed about 180 new shelters for Oxford City Council, including some at stops that have not previously had a shelter or seat. However, passengers are concerned that some busy stops that still have no shelter or seat, and that some of the new shelters give less shelter than the old ones they replaced.

I have placed a notice about the Forum in The Oxford Times and Oxford Mail and on their websites, and sent a news release to those papers and the Oxfordshire Guardian, BBC Oxford and Heart FM. I have advertised the Forum on Oxford's three e-democracy forums and on Facebook. I have asked bus companies to display Bus Users UK posters on their buses. I am notifying tenants' and residents' associations, community groups, disabled people's groups, parish councils, city and county councillors, and individuals who have attended previous Forums.
[Poster](#)

Tesco - 14/3/12

Re: Tesco construction start date, the only information I have appeared in the Faringdon Folly newspaper approx. 6 months ago namely 'construction to start in the New Year [which one?] with an opening date of late Autumn' Maybe Tesco have got cold feet?

NB Aldi's new store in Carterton opens tomorrow 15th March 2012, also Morrisons are planning a new store in Carterton with an opening date of late 2013 according to their website. Seems Faringdon is being left behind - again!
Name Supplied

: Extra Garden waste to be collected - 13/3/12

Customers of the garden waste scheme in South Oxfordshire and the Vale of White Horse are being reminded that they will be able to leave extra garden waste out in the next couple of weeks. This is available for existing customers of the councils' subscription based brown bin service only. The extra waste should be no more than an extra brown bin load, should be able to be lifted by one person and should be in either a sturdy box or bag, which must be left open.

These collections will take place in South Oxfordshire in the week commencing 19 March and Vale customers will receive them during the following week, commencing 26 March. The councils are providing this larger collection because over the Christmas period, the garden waste scheme was suspended for two weeks and the crews were used to help clear the extra waste created during the festive period. VWHDC

CSO's - 12/3/12

I wouldn't normally criticise the police or CSOs, but there is a car which regularly parks on double yellows in the narrowest part of London Street; sometimes for days at a time. It is often in a place where it causes a traffic hazard. Last week a nearby resident (not I) reported this to a CSO, mentioning that the position of the car had caused a minor incident. No action resulted and the car remained on the yellow lines.

This morning I reported the very same car to the CSO patrolling the lower part of London Street. The young lady CSO assured me that she would go further up the street. Shortly afterwards though she was heading back in the opposite direction, obviously having done nothing, as the car was still parked on the lines, without a parking ticket. What are we paying these people for? The odd parking transgression is excusable, but whoever owns this regularly illegally parked vehicle is taking the p*** and clearly getting away with it.

name supplied

Vale set to Vote on Housing Plans - 12/3/12

The [Press Release](#) indicates there is an open consultation - but I can't find it. Maybe just letters/emails is intended. You can see the documents www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/SPDS

Gig Date error in 'The Advertiser' - 12/3/12

Thought it was worth mentioning that the "the man with the STEREO hands" gig at The Swan Inn on Park road this weekend is NOT on Saturday 17th March as stated in the focus on Faringdon 'Advertiser' what's on page, but in fact will be FRIDAY 16th March from about 9pm onwards.

Also worth mentioning that it's not a Saint Patrick's Irish theme night in any way, just one man, his acoustic guitar and a bit of banter!

Neil

Faringdon Radio - one year on - 12/3/12

'Faringdon Local' One year old - A new 'Faringdon Local' show, our magazine show, has been released every two weeks for one year with a new one out now.

'...from The Ladder Factory' Our music show '...from The Ladder Factory' and has matched the same level of interest, in just under two months, with musicians in Oxford & Swindon as 'Faringdon Local' has in Faringdon

We now have three specials available to listen to and a couple more up our sleeves.

We are always keen to hear from people if you have a club, organisation or event you want to promote or perhaps an unusual business you'd be happy to talk about.

The Current 'Faringdon Local' is now available.

www.faringdonradio.com

www.fromtheladderfactory.com

Stewards wanted for the Folly- only 2 hours of your time - 11/3/12

Everyone loves our Folly (well I guess almost everyone). There's lots to do there as well as climbing the tower. You can find the 24 blackbirds, seek out the Civil War cannon, walk over the pretty useless bridge (I saw a man and his dog walking over it the other day) as well as walk in the woodland.

It's a great place for families and so close to the town.

The tower will be open as usual from Sunday 1st April, 11am-5pm. It's always open the 1st Sunday of the month and Bank Holidays until October.

We'd love to open it more often, but need more stewards to do this. We have a band of stalwarts who help us already, but it would be good to have more.

Every opening needs at least 6 people (2 per 2 hour shift); Some people like to have a friend with them- that's fine too.

Would you give us 2 hours of your time to help out?. If we get enough people we could open more times during the fine summer months and maybe a few times during the winter.

If you're able to help, please email enquiries@faringdonfolly.org.uk or Tel: 0845 475 8386

If you want to hear more about the Folly, come to the meeting on 5th April, 7pm, Bowls Club, Gravel

Walk.Thankyou
Gene Webb

Rubbish in Ferndale Street- 11/3/12

I know that rubbish tip. It is very unpleasant. It isnt fly tipping though, the rubbish is on private land and appears to belong to the adjacent house. It will not come to the attention of the local council unless you make an official complaint of nuisance, so if you feel strongly about it ask yourself does it present an environmental hazard, for instance harbours rats, harmful bacteria, ie is a health hazard, or other grounds for complaint? If the answer is "yes" do something about it. (you can do it online)

name supplied

MUSTARD SEED - How many typewriters does it take to ? - 10/3/12

[CLICK HERE TO READ MORE](#)

Diabolical Rubbish Dump in Ferndale Street Faringdon. - 10/3/12

Hi there Faringdon News

I thought you would like to publish these photo's of an outrageous Rubbish Dump in Ferndale Street Faringdon. This is a classic example of mindless Fly Tipping which should attract the full weight of the Local Authorities.

Name supplied



Once again~ Apropos absolutely nothing.- 10/3/12

Three little Pigs

The Three Little Pigs were untidy. Their mother said "you're a disgrace
I really do try to keep a clean sty it's time you each got your own place"
The Wolf heard the first Pig protesting and smiled as he heard the Pig say
"I think it's a bore. I'll make mine out of straw and I'll get the thing built in a day."
The rhyme states quite clearly what happened. Mr Wolf ate the Piggy of course.
He ate him with chips and then licked his lips where lingered some crab apple sauce.
The second pig wasn't as lazy. The house that he built would be tough.
Wood's quite easy to fix, he made his out of sticks. But sticks were not quite tuff enuff.
The third piglet wasn't a builder he loaded a gun that he had.
Shot the Wolf in the head and when he was dead he moved into Mr Wolf's pad !
Thatman

Washing Machine repair man - 8/3/12

We recommend Electromec - 012357 67060. Mr Humpries. Very good.
Name Supplied

Activities for pre-schooler- 8/3/12

Moved to Faringdon a couple of months ago. Four and a half year old daughter starts at the school in September and I'm looking for any clubs or activities for her to make some friends in the area/before school. I work in Abingdon, so we can't attend any local clubs in the day.
Would be interested to hear of anything – dance groups, craft groups – I can't seem to locate any!
Many thanks
name supplied

All Saints 'Barber' Rooms appeal launch- 8/3/12

If you want to find out more, and hear about the fund raising:

- Sunday 11th March Appeal Launch
 - 8.00am Holy Communion Service
 - 10.30am Holy Communion Service

 - Tuesday 13th March
 - 10.00am Refreshments followed by
 - 10.30am Appeal Launch meeting (Corn Exchange)

 - Wednesday 14th March
 - 7.30pm Refreshments followed by
 - 8.00pm Appeal Launch Meeting (All Saints' Church)

 - Sunday 18th March
 - 6.30pm Appeal Launch Holy Communion Service
- We look forward to welcoming you at any of these services and meetings

[Planning application 12/00494/FUL](#)

'...from The Ladder Factory' - Faringdon Radio's music show ?' - 8/3/12

'...from The Ladder Factory' - Faringdon Radio's music show ?'...from The Ladder Factory' - Episode 6 out now.
Erudite chat...mmm maybe, insightful interviews...working on it, relevant sponsors....try again - Great music...One out of 4 can't be bad.

SPREAD THE WORD - TELL THE WORLD
www.fromtheladderfactory.com

Longcot Village Fair and Fun Day - 8/3/12

Building on the success of last year's inaugural Longcot Village Fair, planning is now in full swing for this year's event. The afternoon will be packed with activities for all the family and their four-legged friends and George Scarrot will once again provide a mini fairground with some fabulous rides.

Thanks to the generous loan of a giant marquee, the day will be one for villagers to remember, come rain or shine. Once again, the organisers are looking to fill the marquee with stalls and charity displays to create a local 'covered market'. Outside activities include a Bouncy Castle, a Fun Dog Show organised by The Dog Studio and an opportunity for villagers to test their athletic talent by taking part in Longcot's very own 'Games'. Delicious food and hot and cold drinks will also be available.

The Longcot Village Fair & Fun Dog Show is in aid of the St Mary's Open Door Project which aims to raise funds to build a kitchen and toilet facilities to enable wider community use of the church.

Tickets can be purchased on the day to include a lucky raffle ticket: Adults £2, Children £1. Free car parking with access from Mallins Lane.

Anyone wishing to take a stall, exhibit or offer help on the day should contact Glenice Larcombe on 01793 783515 or email glarcombe@talktalk.net.

Rotary Club of Faringdon and District News - 7/3/12

[News about events and overseas projects](#)

PRESS RELEASE: Faringdon joins the Neighbourhood Planning revolution - 7/3/12

Faringdon has been granted 'front-runner' status to produce a Neighbourhood Plan under new powers to be introduced through the Localism Act.

The Vale of White Horse District Council worked in partnership with Faringdon Town Council to bid for the grant of £20,000 that accompanies the award of front-runner status.

Neighbourhood planning is the government's initiative to empower local communities to help make and take forward planning proposals at a local level. The idea being that local people will be the driver to help shape how their local communities grow and develop.

The Faringdon Neighbourhood Plan will be driven by the Town Council, but the Vale will provide support in helping to ensure that the process conforms with the guidelines for neighbourhood planning.

Cllr Roger Cox, cabinet member for planning at the Vale of White Horse District Council, said: "This is a fantastic opportunity for the people of Faringdon to help develop a vision for the future of their town. Being awarded front-runner status means that Faringdon is one of the early communities to benefit from the Localism Bill and it provides an exciting path forward for its residents, for the town council and for the Vale."

Cllr Alan Hickmore, Chairman of Town Council's Planning and Highways Committee, said "Faringdon Town Council is delighted to be one of the "front runners" to produce a neighbourhood plan for our community. We look forward to working with the Vale of White Horse District Council and, most importantly, our townspeople in producing a plan that will benefit us all".

Andy Roberts
Shared Communications Officer
Corporate Strategy

Washing Machine repair man - 7/3/12

Does anyone have any recommendations for a good washing machine repair man? Preferable someone who doesn't charge for call out to look at the problem?

Name Supplied

Smoke gets in your eyes - 7/3/12

If anyone was wondering where Faringdon's very own ash cloud was coming from on Sunday afternoon, look no further.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BN5ieP2131>

Don't miss the punchline
(Brize Norton has resumed normal service, by the way).

name supplied

Calling all freelancers/self-employed ... join a Jelly! - 6/3/12

I popped into the new i-cafe today and was really impressed with the set up, and after having a chat with Mike I can see a really great use for it that would benefit anyone who works from home in Faringdon.

Jelly is an informal co-working event where freelancers, home workers and small/micro business owners bring their laptop or other work and work, chat and collaborate with other small business owners. It's basically an opportunity for people who work at home to get out and meet other freelancers, exchange ideas and support each other.

The i-cafe would be perfect because the wifi there is free so the only expense would be the copious cups of coffee we all drink and, I guess, parking if you're there more than two hours.

If anyone is interested in coming along for a "Jelly" session please contact me at Alison@theprooffairy.com – I'm thinking of holding the first one on the 26th March, and then on the 4th Monday of every month if it's a success.

More about Jelly groups here: <http://www.uk-jelly.org.uk>

Faringdon's Craft Competition Rules Queens Diamond Jubilee - 6/3/12

Competition Categories

- 1 A stitch in Time (could include any of the following Cross Stitch, Embroidery, Knitting, Tapestry, Appliqué)
- 2 A Photo in Time
- 3 Craft Flair (Free Style crafts)
- 4 If I'd known you were coming (Baking)
- 5 Artistic Flair (Drawing, Painting, Water Colour)

General Contest Rules

1. The Arts and Craft Contest is open to anyone who is a resident of Faringdon Town or our hinterland.
2. Each entry must be accompanied by the official entry form that can be collected from the Town Council Offices or down loaded from the website www.juliefarmer.co.uk or call Julie on 01367 246003.

3. Entry forms must be sent to Julie Farmer at Brunel House. Volunteer Way, Faringdon, Oxfordshire, SN7 7YR by the 18th May 2012 with an SEA which will returned to you with your entry registration.
4. Entry by proxy is not allowed.
5. There will be no restrictions on the number of articles entered by a single entrant.
6. Articles will be displayed to permit the maximum inspection (based on space available).
7. Reasonable care and protection will be provided for entries by the Judges, but they will not be held responsible for any damage that may occur.
8. All entries but be completed by 1st June 2012 and will be displayed in The Pump Rooms during the Queens Diamond Jubilee weekend. No entries will be accepted after Noon on Friday.
9. Judging will be done on Friday evening (unless otherwise posted). The contest room will remain closed from viewing during judging. The room will reopen for viewing Saturday morning.

C. Judging

1. Judging will be done by a team of judges
- 2 Construction and Materials
- 3 Difficulty/Complexity
- 4 Finishing & Display

D. Awards

1. A ribbon will be awarded for First (1st) place in each category.
2. Ribbons will be awarded for Second (2nd) and Third (3rd) place in each category.
3. Honourable Mention ribbons will be awarded at the discretion of the judges.
4. Most Popular will receive a Ribbon. This is based on the entry receiving the highest numbers of votes from the ballots submitted in the ballot box located in the Contest Room. It can come from any category.

[Entry Form](#)

Warning on Latest internet Scam! - 6/3/12

We at the-icafe.com in London street Faringdon have had a few People come into the café stating that they have been contacted by Microsoft Windows and have been told that there is a problem with their computer and that they need to follow the instructions that they give you over the phone for you to do something on your Computer , THIS IS A SCAM !! Microsoft will NEVER Call you! Do NOT Fall for it and just Hang up!! They will put a virus on your Computer or charge you for the scam they are doing to you!

If you need to know more then just pop into the icafé and we can advise you of the latest Scams.

While I am here, we Now repair iPhones and other smart phones, so if you have any problems then pop in with it and we can sort it out for you.

We are Open for people who just fancy A Coffee and sit in the sofa area!! We sell LavAzza Coffee in our Latte, Cappuccino, Espresso and B/W Coffee's
Thanks from all at the icafe the-icafe.com

Treasure Hunt - Queens Diamond Jubilee - 6/3/12

I have some wonderful news, Pat Thomas butchers have kindly agreed to sponsor the treasure hunt during the Queens Diamond Jubilee. Thank you so much.

To Take Part in the Treasure Hunt please contact Julie Farmer under the Old Town Hall on Saturday 2 June at 11 AM.

The treasure hunt is aimed at young children and families.

Julie Farmer
01367 246003

Faringdon Skate Park- 3/3/12

It is such a shame that there is no convenient delay with the signing off and opening of the skate park. There are a lot of talented kids in Faringdon and surrounding areas and it is attracting a lot of interest from talented skaters of all ages.

The police move the kids out of the skate park when they are trying to use it which is understandable but it would be better if they concentrated on the kids that hang around Faringdon and especially the town centre causing nothing but loud and sometimes offensive behaviour.

This has been reported so many times but they still continue to hang around in areas that to the older generation or in fact most people, intimidating.

Hurry up to the opening of the skate park!!!!

Name Supplied

A blanket to return - 5/3/12

...To the kind lady who assisted me with a blanket to nurse a flat coat retriever on the Folly hill last month. Tel 244085

Much thanks Dave M

Focus on Faringdon- 5/3/12

From the minutes of the Faringdon Town Council ([available here: http://www.faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk/files/resourcesmodule/@random48ef618175c69/1299678688_Mins_Town_Council_meeting_9_2_11.pdf](http://www.faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk/files/resourcesmodule/@random48ef618175c69/1299678688_Mins_Town_Council_meeting_9_2_11.pdf)):

“37/11 Legal Matters: Focus on Faringdon – Outstanding Hiring charges and Road Closure Fees for Arts Festival 2010 To receive recommendation from Finance Committee to choose Option 3 as outlined in the letter from the Council’s Solicitor dated 14th January 2011, with the proviso of being able to make use of either of the alternative options at a later date if this became necessary. Members considered the Solicitor’s advice and the recommendation from the Finance Committee. It was proposed, seconded and CARRIED that the Solicitor’s Option 3 be accepted and that he be instructed to write to Focus on Faringdon asking for full settlement of the debt owed to the Town Council and the Faringdon War Memorial Trust within 28 days of receipt of the letter, and warning them that failure to do so will result in further legal action being taken to recover the debt.”

Name Supplied

Budgens, Waitrose and Tesco - 5/3/12

Over the past few weeks, several people have said to me that Waitrose are in discussions with the owners of Budgens, to purchase the store and convert it into a Waitrose.

Does anyone know whether there is any truth to this rumour or whether this might just be wishful thinking.

Likewise, does anyone know of Tesco’s intentions for a construction start. Is it going to be this year??

Name supplied

MUSTARD SEED - A blonde walks into a bookshop... - 5/3/12

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What a racket -4/3/12

Last night at about midnight I was woken by a droning noise which appeared to be coming from the Lechlade

Road end of the town. Very loud sounding like maybe aircraft or heavy machinery?. Could this be the dreaded humming sound that people have reported. All I know is that whatever it is it's a damn nuisance.
Name supplied.

Smallish Child's bike - 5/3/12

Found in Jespers Hill a pink metallic child's bike, which arrived during Saturday night.
I have placed the bike in our garage for safe keeping.
Jane R Smith.

Re lost cat message posted on 2nd March - 4/3/12

Our cat is home!! He had gone back to our old house and thanks to the new occupants they took him in till we could collect him.

Alison

Planning application 12/00494/FUL by All Saints - 3/3/12

Erection of a single storey extension to existing church to accommodate new church hall, kitchen and accessible WC with associated landscaping works to include single track driveway and replacement gate.

Comments/objections can be made on
<http://www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/java/support/Main.jsp?MODULE=ApplicationDetails&REF=12/00494/FUL> by 29th March

Apparently a number of skeletons were found when the bank at the rear of the church was excavated ([see Archaeological Excavation report](#)) and some trees will be at risk when the foundations are dug.
More related documents can be found on the VWHDC website
ED(GW)

Skate Park - what's happening? - 3/3/12

The skate park looks finished to me, apart from the landscaping. It's still fenced off.
I've heard that there is a delay in opening it for use because of land ownership issues.
Anyone know anything?

This has been so long in coming- the young people need to use it now the winter is nearly over.
Name Supplied

Focus on Faringdon - 3/3/12

Does anyone know what the story is about Focus on Faringdon and the (town?) council? There's something in this month's Folly about Focus on Faringdon going out of business because of a legal case brought by the council ... I must have missed the gossip, can anyone bring me up to speed? Name supplied

Lost Cat - 2/3/12

We've just moved house and one of our cats has gone missing. He is called Chester, male, 4 years old and

completely white. He has been neutered. He's not wearing a collar though he is microchipped. He went missing from Rawdon Way (by the doctor's) on the evening of Wed 29th Feb. We used to live on the Berners Way estate so are worried he may be trying to find his way home.

If you spot a lost white cat around town please can you call me on 07927 330293 or take him to either Elms or Danetree vets - I have registered him as missing with them both. I am offering a small reward for his safe return. Many thanks, Alison Neale

New to Faringdon! Women's Drop-In - 1/3/12

Starting Thursday 22 March 2012

Thursdays 12.30-2.30pm United Church Hall (on the roundabout) (term-time only)

For ALL women in Faringdon and surrounding villages.

Pop in for a cuppa and a chat... we'd love to meet you!

Contact: Billie Hayter Tel: 07709 102791

Email: faringdon.womensdropin@gmail.com

Faringdon Hum -1/3/12

Hi Sean. Yes we heard it, and it was particularly noticeable last night(Thursday 1st March) around 9-11pm. Mark

The Mustard Seed- Dickens in Wonderland - 1/3/12

It's the 29th February; the March hares are leaping a day early, and we need your help. There's not a second to waste.

Because the earth is slowing down as it whizzes round the sun, every few years astronomers very sensibly add an extra second to our clocks, just to make sure that Universal Time is in synch with Solar time and International Atomic Time. They're called "leap seconds" and the next one will be added at the end of June 30, 2012 . But - Hang on a minute?! [CLICK HERE TO READ ON](#)

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