

News and Views September 2014

The next steps for the Local Plan 2031 - issued 17 September 2014 - 30/9/14

Vale of White Horse District Council has announced it intends to publish the latest version of its Local Plan 2031 in November.

Over the past six months the council has been updating and amending the local plan based on the comments residents and businesses provided as part of the consultation earlier in the year. It has also taken external professional and where necessary, legal advice.

The council now believes the plan is sound, robust and ready to be submitted to the secretary of state for examination.

The council will be inviting residents and businesses to comment on the plan in November. This is a technical stage of the process, and the comments provided should be on the soundness of the plan. All of the comments provided during the consultation will be considered by a planning inspector during the examination of the Local Plan, which we anticipate will be spring/summer 2015.

There have been some important changes to the plan, including the size and location of some of the main sites earmarked for housing in the district, which people can review when the full plan is published in November.

One of the biggest concerns local residents in particular have expressed is whether the Vale's infrastructure can support the growth the district council has been told it needs to provide. The council is taking a new approach to make sure all new developments in the district make a proper contribution to the district's infrastructure needs by developing a community infrastructure levy.

The council has more announcements to make over the next couple of months that will address the infrastructure question and to help make sure the quality of life in the Vale is not compromised by the growth the district is being asked to support.

Cllr Mike Murray, cabinet member for planning at the Vale, said: "We're very grateful to everybody that commented as part of our two consultations to get to this point. You've all made a significant contribution to improving the Local Plan. We've been working extremely hard to get the plan to a position where we're confident about submitting it to the examiner. It's critical that we get the plan in place as soon as we can so we can make sure developments in the district are suitable and sustainable."

Faringdon Post Office - 30/9/14

A great job has been done to the post office. Sadly the service is still as bad as ever. Three counters to do post office business but only one member of staff serving. What's the point. We complain about the shops in Faringdon not been given a chance. Stand for 10 minutes at the post office door ten minutes to wait in line to be served & people asking to be served then you know why I complain.
Name supplied.

Road Closure. Goosey/Denchworth - 30/9/14

Can anyone shed any light on what appears to be the unofficial closure of the road between Goosey and Denchworth, more commonly known as the Asti stud road. It would appear that a local resident has closed the road because the highways agency has closed the A417 at Challow Station for a bridge replacement operation and the Asti Stud road is now busy and they don't want car driving along that part of the queens highway which I might add road tax payers pay for.

Ken Johnson

Luke Jackson - in concert Sat Oct 4th.- 30/9/14

Luke is a rising young Roots singer/songwriter from Canterbury, Kent and 2013 saw him nominated for both the Horizon Award for Best Emerging Talent and the BBC Radio 2 Young Folk Award.

You can find out more about him by going to www.lukepauljackson.com

Luke will be playing at The Bell in Faringdon this Saturday 4th October ahead of his tour dates supporting Marillion.

He'll play a full set of original songs from his debut album 'More Than Boys' & his current album 'Fumes & Faith'

He'll also play some new material and a few covers!

Click on the link below to get hold of tickets or pop into The Bell.

Tickets are only £8.00.

<http://www.wegottickets.com/event/283070>

So why not record 'X Factor' and come along and see a young, talented, professional artist!

Ring Val on 07766077115 if you need more info.

That's why I just love living in Faringdon - 29/9/14

The Berners Big Bench Bash on Saturday was Brilliantly Bonkers ! If you missed it - here's a few videos that capture some of the more memorable moments:

Unveiling the new statue: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UQD7Jy4MWvY>

A Song for Faringdon: [A Town Beneath the Sea](#).

Flipper

Faringdon Baptist Church activities - 29/9/14

Soft Play Day- Free event for families with lots of soft play activities- bouncy castles, tunnels, ball pool, ride on toys, plus a cafe selling refreshments.

Saturday 4th October, 1.00-4.00pm at the Baptist Church , Bromsgrove, Faringdon

Messy Dads- drop in groups for Dads and other male carers with children aged up to 7 (older siblings welcome). We have activities and games for infants, toddlers and young children, including crafts, toys, soft play and bouncy inflatables. We also serve Bacon sandwiches, toast and chocolately breakfast treats, along with tea, coffee and juice. Saturday 11th Oct, 10.00-11.30am, at the Baptist Church , Bromsgrove, Faringdon

Kidz Clubs are fun, enjoyable groups for children and young people. **MiniMayhem** (School Years 1-3) and **KidZone** (School Years 4-6) meet on Friday evenings during term time from 5.30-6.30pm at the Baptist Church, Bromsgrove, Faringdon. Each week we have games, craft, quizzes and stories.

Rock Solid is a youth club for those in School Years 6-8, and meets at FAZE youth centre on Highworth Road, Faringdon on Monday evenings from 6.15-7.30pm.

Stephen Martin stephen@faringdon-baptist.org

Faringdon nursery win 'Highly Commended' in National Nursery Awards - 29/9/14

Last night a team from The Old Station Nursery in Faringdon celebrated winning a 'Highly Commended' at national Nursery World Awards for their '2 year old provision'. The team is delighted to be recognized for the progress they have made working with this age group and have been well supported by Oxfordshire County Council, who gave them a £9,000 grant last year to allow them to refurbish their 2 year old area.

The nursery team have been working with many families who qualify for the Government funding for 2 year olds and this has helped them to develop a better understanding of exactly what kind of support can help 2 year olds to thrive.

Manager Steph Dorling says, 'we were really thrilled to receive this recognition as a team and had a fantastic night in London at the Awards ceremony. We really value being part of the local community in Faringdon and this work with some of our local 2 year olds shows how committed we are to leveling the playing field for all children'.

Stephanie Dorling

Sew a 'Daisy' child's dress, evening workshops, Little Coxwell - 29/9/14

Has the Great British Sewing Bee inspired you? Do you want to learn how to sew or brush up on old skills?

Over 4 evening workshops you will learn all the basic sewing skills to make an adorable dress.

- Session 1 -Tuesday 21st October 2014 8-10pm
- Session 2 - Tuesday 28th October 2014 8-10pm
- Session 3 - Tuesday 4th November 2014 8-10pm
- Session 4 - Tuesday 11th November 2014 8-10pm

Including how to select the right fabric, size your pattern and cut out your fabric, as well as basic seams, button holes and finishing techniques.

No sewing skills needed just a sense of adventure.

So dust off that old sewing machine and bring it along..... If you don't have a sewing machine tell us in advance we shall make sure you have one to borrow at the sessions.

Price £80 for all 4 workshops

Price includes all materials, tuition, and lashings of tea, coffee and cake.

Visit: <http://becksieandlotty.bigcartel.com/product/sew-a-daisy-child-s-dress-evening-workshops-little-coxwell>

Thames Valley Police report - 28/9/14

Between Thursday (25/09) and Saturday (27/09) offender(s) forced entry to a shed at a property in Southampton Street. A strimmer was stolen

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 101.

Alternatively if you have any information but wish to remain anonymous, please call Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111 or online@crimestoppers-uk.org. No personal details are taken, information is not traced or recorded and you will not go to court.

Berner's Big Bench Bash- 28/9/14

It was great fun- circus acrobats, music, singing, bubbles, children's activities and lots of people.

The sculpture is splendid- and a great photo opportunity for locals and visitors.

[Some photos on facebook](#)

Local Yokel

Permission to Fish? - 28/9/14

Can any use the lake for fishing with kids and how much does it cost for a season ticket
Lennt Alder

Great Barn on TV - 27/9/14

It was all over Facebook! Well, I put it as my status, anyway!

Fiona Merrick

DON'T FORGET- Berner's Big Bench Bash Today Sat 27th - 27/9/14

The official unveiling of the Dali Diver with Artist Tim Shutter

Market Square, Faringdon 12noon for 12.30

Full diving kit – or at least some goggles, a snorkel and flippers!

Eccentric Entertainment: Underwater Themed Family Fun and Free Giveaways

See the pics on <https://www.facebook.com/groups/252322496183/>

Traffic A420 - 27/9/14

Could be several reasons for traffic slowing on A420, There is bound to be more vehicles using this road to get to Wantage,

There are several junctions and turnings into properties along it, and also HGV over 7.5 tons should only be doing 40 MPH along this road, even though other vehicles can go maximum 50 MPH if it is safe to do so. An HGV often will slow down for the cameras.

Name supplied

Challow Bridge Closure:- 25/9/14

In rather simpler language - <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-oxfordshire-29359178> - any news on how they are progressing?, at least they can't blame the weather yet.

On a related note, do regular users know if the reason the A420 stops to almost a standstill at Littleworth & Pusey Woods purely down to the speed cameras?.

Thomas Tankengone

Cakes at the Folly, Oct 5th - 25/9/14

Charity Cake Sale at the bottom of The Folly Tower on Sunday 5 October 2014

Refuel with cake after climbing The Folly stairs and give a donation to The Nasio Trust. All the money raised will be used by The Nasio Trust to build a new Medical Centre for use by orphans using their 2 Day Centres for in Kenya.

A team of 16 drivers are raising £3500 each before heading to Kenya in October to drive donated 4x4 vehicles across Kenya and Tanzania to deliver to The Nasio Trust.

Jane Rennells

Bridge Closure Challow.- 25/9/14

I have seen a number of posts regarding the attempt of the equestrian centre to close cow lane and millaway lane, and i also was in agreement that a public highway is there to be

used and blocking the way was an offence. HOWEVER, after further investigation to ensure i could justify my presence on the lane if questioned, i have discovered that there IS a TTRO closing both these lanes and it is therefore an offence to drive along these. Details can be found here;

<http://voyager.oxfordshire.gov.uk/networkdetail.aspx?t=incident&r=OXFO-105291876&x=435543&y=190557&s=Severe&format=xhtml>

Contrevention of TRO is also enforcable by law by both fine AND penalty points on your liscence. Just a thought.

Nik Gardner

Information Fair being held at the Corn Exchange, Faringdon on Thursday 2nd October 2014- 25/9/14

Free event.

There will be several different agencies present including Age UK, Faringdon Neighbourhood Policing Team, Trading Standards, Carer's Oxfordshire, Soul Mates, Oxfordshire Smoking Advice Service and the Vale of White Horse Leisure Team. So there will be a wealth of information and advice on the day. Also free tea and limited amount of purse bells being given away.

For further information please ring Sonia on 07827 235414 or alternatively email me at soniarobinson@ageukoxfordshire.org.uk

Great Barn on TV - 23/9/14

I see no one commented about last night's episode of Downton Abbey and the scenes at the Great Coxwell Barn. It was such a lovely surprise and I wonder when it was filmed.

Name supplied

VWHDC Emerging local plan - 22/9/14

An interesting point in all this is that developers can build what they like subject to planning permission but they cannot attach their developments to the current water and sewage systems as they are already over capacity. With no water or sewage systems they can't sell their houses. They have to depend on when Thames Water upgrade the infrastructure which will be sometime in the future.

I think this is a case of "watch this space".

Regards

Green Witch

VWHDC Local Plan to 2031 - 21/9/14

Does anyone know? The emerging Local plan goes up to 2031- c16 years from now.

Does this mean that if VWHDC allocate the sites mentioned below for housing, that these will cover the whole period, or will they, in a few years time, be seeking more? Will the developments be spread out across the years?

Just being hopeful

Local Yokel

Double Glazing.- 21/9/14

We can thoroughly recommend RDJ Windows. Robert and Rob's attention to detail and customer satisfaction is amazing

Dennis Haynes

Local democracy? What's the point? - 20/9/14

" Cherwell District Council recently had its Local Plan rejected by the planning inspector for

not taking into account the full housing numbers arising from the SHMA (Strategic Housing Market Assessment) earlier this year. This is a stark warning to us that whether we like them or not we cannot ignore the Oxfordshire SHMA figures"

So if our directly elected councillors are overruled then what is the point in local democracy. Why bother voting as it seems we have little or no control on important local matters. So much for devolved powers.

I don't think I shall bother voting in future.

name supplied

Double Glazing- 20/9/14

We had our old wooden framed windows replaced by Robert Joyce of RDJ Windows. He was recommended by a friend and proved to be very efficient and tidy and did a great job. <http://www.rdjwindows.co.uk>

Fiona Merrick

WW1 exhibition - request for stories - 20/9/14

Ladies and ladies daughters, would you have half an hour free to write about what you are doing now and what dreams you have for the future so that I can put your essay in the book for the WW1 exhibition to save for another 100 years.

Would be excellent if we could get essay from grandmother, daughter and granddaughter. Single ladies love to hear from you and married ladies is marriage what you expected it to be? How about motherhood, is this what you expected.

Please take some time to help record some history of our town.

Julie Farmer julie@mypavirtualservices.com

Women in World War 1 exhibition - 20/9/14

Hi Everyone,

I am creating an exhibition that will open on the 7 November for women in World War 1.

One of the exhibits I would like to have is a book of stories from women in that time. I know that many of the women have passed away so I would like to ask any of you if you remember your grandmothers, what stories you have about them that you would like to share. Did they work in the factories? Did they work on the land or were they just strong women?

If so, would you mind sharing your stories with me and I will put them in a book for the exhibition. If you have photos of them I would love to have their picture with the story.

For example my grandmother (this was during WW2) worked in a factory making ammunition near Ripon but had to stop working there as it was either bombed or exploded and then an air craft factory making air craft in Guesyle (now Leeds and Liverpool Airport). She said that this was the best years of her life, but knowing my grandmother she was little bit naughty.

Julie Farmer julie@mypavirtualservices.com

FREE FARINGDON WIFI - 20/9/14

If you have experienced difficulties trying to access the WiFi system in Faringdon Market Place or would like to give us feedback then please email economic.development@southandvale.gov.uk

Vale Vision: VWHDC Local Plan update - 20/9/14

The next stage of the Local Plan We'd like to say a very big thank you to everybody who

has provided responses to the Vale of White Horse District Council's Local Plan consultations. For the past six months, the Council has been working through the comments you provided earlier this year.

We listened to all of your opinions, and taking those into account along with legal advice and 'critical friend' comment from the planning inspectorate, we have made some significant changes to some of the sites and policies in the plan.

Cherwell District Council recently had its Local Plan rejected by the planning inspector for not taking into account the full housing numbers arising from the SHMA (Strategic Housing Market Assessment) earlier this year. This is a stark warning to us that whether we like them or not we cannot ignore the Oxfordshire SHMA figures.

This Local Plan is the only way to get control of planning in the Vale again, to protect us from the unacceptable developer-led building that we've been exposed to for the past two years. So we've worked really hard to get into the position we are in now, where we strongly believe that the plan we have created is sound, and crucially that a planning inspector will agree.

This is why the Council will be publishing the plan this November and asking you to comment. We will then submit your comments along with the plan to the secretary of state early next year.

Because of the employment and housing growth in the Vale, the Council is managing to attract some significant investment in infrastructure to the district, like the major improvements to the A34 junction at Milton. There will be some good news coming up over the next few weeks about how the district will be doing everything possible to make sure the Vale gets all the infrastructure it needs to support this growth.

The Council will also be explaining how we intend to make sure that all the houses and communities we're being asked to build are of the best possible quality.

You can sign up for updates direct from the Council by sending an email containing the word 'subscribe' to localplan@whitehorsedc.gov.uk

Draft local plan to 2031 - 19/9/14

A report is going to the Scrutiny Committee next week detailing proposed changes to the 2031 local plan. Cabinet and Full committee will then be asked to agree the draft local plan part 1 strategic sites and policies for publication for the purpose of pre-submission public consultation, and thereafter for submission to the Secretary of State for independent examination.

The plan confirms the local authorities view that land south of Park Road (350 dwellings), South Faringdon/Great Coxwell parish (200 dwellings), south west of Faringdon (200 dwellings) continue to be identified for allocation. In addition the land East of Coxwell Road (200 dwellings) is added, as it has been subject to a resolution to grant permission.

On the positive side, Humpty Hill is not included, but is currently subject to an appeal, and awaiting a decision.

So at best 950 new dwellings.

Don't shoot the messenger.

Name supplied

Berner's Big Bench Bash Sat 27th - 19/9/14

Faringdon Town Team and The Pink Pigeon Trust cordially invite you to:

Featuring the official unveiling of the Dali Diver with Artist Tim Shutter

Where: The Portwell Bench in the Market Square, Faringdon

When: Saturday, 27th September 12.00pm for opening at 12.30pm

Dress: Full diving kit – or at least some goggles, a snorkel and flippers!

Eccentric Entertainment ž Underwater Themed Family Fun ž Free Giveaways

Re: Entrance & Exit from Tesco - 19/8/14

...full credit to Helen who apart from putting her name against her post also makes a valid point based on her observations and more importantly puts forward a positive idea....someone (anon) has replied with lots of !!!!! and a told you so response....so have the kahunas to suggest a well thought out argument that backs up your own researched findings....mine so far as a driving instructor are as follows: you approach Tesco....you assess..you check your rear view mirror...you adjust your speed accordingly based on what you see in your rear view mirror.you look ...assess again ...you signal if required....you decide.... then you act...now if drivers make progress with high levels of observation and in control we would not need any further control measures....however I fear this may not happen so Helens argument carries more weight...but it is more constructive than a boat load of !!!!!!!'s....drive safely now please...Allan ...absm

Christmas and New Year at Sudbury House - 18/9/14

The Sudbury House and Restaurant 56 are delighted to present their programme of events over the Christmas and New Year period with some familiar events such as the Christmas Party nights and the addition of brand new fine dining events in Restaurant 56 throughout the festive period. We look forward to welcoming regular and new customers to experience the new restaurants in the hotel.

See <http://www.sudburyhouse.co.uk/announcements/christmas-new-year>

Double Glazing - 18/9/14

Nick Ponting 7 The Walls Stanford in the Vale

01367 718009

Double Glazing Installer

Thoroughly recommend, excellent workmen, clean and efficient. Can be slow with the estimate, but very good work and products.

Bystander

Roundabout at tesco- 18/9/14

On the opening of Tesco I mentioned to the " managers" that the entrance was dangerous. I was told they have done a survey!!!!!!!!!!

I also discussed the first crossing which they have taken away now. I was told on the opening this wasn't a problem. See it been taken away!!!!

They do think they " know it all".

When there's an accident. We can say " told u so".

Name supplied

Health Summit Tues 23rd - 18/9/14

Open meeting for anyone registered with the White Horse Practice

Guest Speaker Catherine Blaxhall from Carers Oxfordshire will talk about their work.

There will be opportunities to ask general questions about the Whitehorse practice and a

GP will be present.

If you would like to make suggestions about the Practice, please complete a contact form at www.whitehorsepracticeppg.org.uk

Date: Tuesday 23rd September

Time: 6.30pm - 8pm

Venue: White Horse Medical Practice, Volunteer Way,

Faringdon See <http://www.whitehorsepracticeppg.org.uk/news--your-views.html> for the Autumn 2014 newsletter

Re: Double Glazed windows - 18/9/14

Couldn't help noticing that someone is asking for double glazed windows! we too have cloudy glass and need new , we have also been the to the Lechlade company who charge too much to fit them, also we asked 'Cloudy to Clear' to give us a quote which they did but clearly don't want the job because they didn't get back to us after ringing them several times. So if anyone knows someone who will fit some new glass units there are two houses in our little Mews that need them

Jim Horton

Double glazing - 18/9/14

Roman Glass in Swindon 01793 525608 provide a measure and fitting service and we have found them to be good.

Steve Bunce

Double Glazing - 18/9/14

Hi Misty, one of my neighbours and also one of my work colleagues have used cloudy2clear for the replacement of "blown" misted up double glazed units. They have a branch in Oxford and the number is 0800 61 21 118.

Regards mark

Updates- 18/9/14

I've been away for a few days, hence the delay in posting updates. Do check I haven't missed yours

ED(GW)

Knit and Knatter Ladies Coffee Morning - 18/9/14

I would like to remind you that we are having a Coffee Morning on Friday 19th September at the Old Town Hall 10am - 12 noon. The raffle prize is a Hamper filled with goodies.

Everyone is welcome

Beryl Atkin

Double glazed units.- 18/9/14

I know this site is quite helpful in these matters, so hopefully you can help me. I need some double glazed units replacing in our wooden windows, is there anyone locally that can do this, I know Cameo Glass do the units but they don't fit them, we did have a quote from a Lechlade firm and the cost was ridiculously high....so can anyone help?...would love to look out through the fog.

Misty.

From the Thames Valley Police website:- 18/9/14

Between 7.30pm and 9.30pm on 15 August there was an assault in the alley-way behind Tesco Supermarket, Park Lane, Faringdon. If you witnessed this, or any arguing that could

have happened before the assault, please call us on 101.

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Name Supplied

Book Launch: The Mad Boy, Lord Berners, My Grandmother and Me - 18/9/14

Sofka Zinovieff

The Corn Exchange 18th October 2014 at 7.30pm

The scandalous and eccentric lives of the cultured elite, and the enchanted house they lived in.

Sofka Zinovieff, the author, will be joining us in the Corn Exchange to talk about her new book, followed by a question and answer session

£2 Entrance

Purchase your tickets from Faringdon Community and Tourist Information Centre

Tel. 01367 242 191

tic@faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk

All proceeds will go to the Folly Trust

Challow bridge closure and further complaints.- 18/9/14

Sir,

I caught the last piece of this item on the local radio news that one of the alternative roads to wantage is now supposed to be closed, apparently local equestrian place have put bollards up and stopping the cut through from Goosey to Denchworth, why should they have that right as far as we are concerned it is a road to be used, it is maintained by the oxfordshire highways to whom we are supposedly contributing with our road tax so we have a right to use it. Even more so as when i drove through today highways were working on the road edges!! More to the point it seems that we have to pay out for extra fuel costs as it is due to all this inconvenience and now the equestrians want to rob us. So fair play to those who have removed the bollards so far .

Rickenshaw

The Snow Queen - A Winter's Tale - 18/9/14

Readthrough - Monday 20th October,

United Church Hall, Coxwell Street, Faringdon. SN7 7HW

7.30pm,

Auditions - Wednesday 22 October 2014

United Church Hall (as above)

7:30pm for children (9 yrs and over - Yr 5/6) and chorus and from 8:00pm for principles.

New members welcome.

For more info contact - www.faringdondramatic.org.uk/archives2010/Snow-Queen/index.htm

Fiona Merrick

Small Roundabout by Tesco? - 1/9/14

Does anyone feel there should be a small roundabout at the 4-way junction by Tesco? It seems to me it's an accident waiting to happen... :(

Helen Gilbert

Missing Siamese Cat - 18/9/14

Has now been found, thankyou.

Hil

Young Traders Market - 18/9/14

Have you ever thought of trying your hand at business? Then read on...

On Saturday, 11 October, Faringdon marketplace will play host to the first Young Traders market, from 10am – 1pm.

Each young person or persons – individuals are welcome, as are teams of up to 3 – will have a stall measuring approx. 2m by 1m provided free of charge. You don't need to have any experience of running a stall; all you need is enthusiasm, a good sense of humour (you'll be selling to members of the public, and – who knows - it might rain!) and a product. Ages 10 to 18, younger if accompanied by parents. In homage to a certain TV programme there will also be prizes for the best idea for different age groups. Please email an expression of interest, the name(s) of those taking part, and a rough idea of what you'll be selling to Faringdon.townteam@gmail.com

Missing Siamese Cat!- 13/9/14

Missing Siamese cat, Ferndale/Lansdown road area. Brown/cream colour, blue eyes.

Microchipped and Identification collar.

Pinches 32c London Street Tel: 01367 243316.

Please check your sheds and garages. Reward for information leading to return.

Pat Pinches

Faringdon's New Tennis Courts - 12/9/14

What a fantastic facility the new adults and children's tennis courts are for the town - absolutely great! Well done to Alan Elbourne and all who helped to bring this together.

Thank you!

Chris Moorhouse

RotaKids coming to Faringdon...- 12/9/14

We are currently recruiting for our new FREE RotaKids club at the Pump House Project starting next Wednesday 17th September. The club will be run by Kealy and sponsored by Faringdon and District Rotary Club. More info below. If you are interested please email rotakids@cre8ivesteps.com.

- What is RotaKids?

RotaKids is about making a difference, whether that be locally or internationally.

- What will we do?

At RotaKids you will work with other young people to develop projects to fundraise for charities and take part in local community work.

- Who is it for?

Anyone aged 7-12 years old living in or around Faringdon.

When will RotaKids take place?

RotaKids will take place on Wednesdays during term time at 4.30pm-5.30pm at The Pump House Project. In addition to this you will be expected to attend two RAK Pack Saturdays at 12pm-1pm, these are Random Acts of Kindness days in our community

Humpty petition - 12/9/14

Still time to sign the petition before the MP's go back to the Houses of Parliament in the middle of next month (after having done a whole week back at work after the summer break).

<http://epetitions.direct.gov.uk/petitions/68429>

For those still undecided, allegedly a high percentage of the many many new houses planned will be sold to ice-cream men who will park very badly in Coxwell Street, but this is almost certainly untrue.

Name Supplied

Radcot Bridge closed - 11/9/14

Radcot Bridge will be closed to all traffic between 15th -20th September.

Name supplied

New website for FTC- 10/9/14

Not sure if it is fully live yet, as I haven't seen or heard any announcement

<http://faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk/?section=23>

Name supplied

LUKE JACKSON & MARTYN JOSEPH CONCERTS.- 10/9/14

Only three weeks to go until young singer/songwriter Luke Jackson comes to Faringdon. He'll be playing in The Bell on Sat Oct 4th. Tickets are available from The Bell or from www.wegotickets.com and are only £8.00.

Described as 'A rising star' and 'One to watch' by The Telegraph and nominations from BBC Radio 2 for Best Emerging Talent and the BBC Radio 2 Young Folk Award, it really is a great opportunity to see this amazing young man in our town.

If you enjoy people like Ed Sheeran/Jake Bugg/Richard Thompson then you'll enjoy Luke Jackson.

Check out his website www.lukepauljackson.com

Then, making a return to Faringdon on Nov 29th - Martyn Joseph.

Many of you came to his gig here in 2011 so it would be great to see you all again.

He'll be playing in the Corn Exchange. Tickets £15.00 are on sale now from www.wegotickets.com and soon from the Community & Tourist Info Centre.

Martyn actually signed Luke Jackson to his record label a couple of years ago!.

If you need any more info about these performances then please ring Val on 07766077115.

New Petfood shop- 10/9/14

I've heard that the shop in the Cornmarket (once a butcher) is to become a shop for upmarket pet food

Name Supplied

A big thankyou - 10/9/14

Thank-you to everyone who helped make cakes for The Nasio Trust cake sale at The Folly Tower on Sunday and a MASSIVE thank-you to those who came to eat cake and donate so generously. The table was overflowing with goodies but I walked down with just 5 cakes. All the money raised will be used to cover the cost of transporting donated 4x4 vehicles to day centres for orphans in Kenya and to build a new medical centre for the orphans.

Jane Rennells

Shops - 10/9/14

It is a shame that you found most of the shops in town closed as I am sure a lot of them would like to be able to stay open most days. There are still quite a few shops open after 2.00 pm. but maybe they weren't the ones you to visit.

The really sad fact is that most people go to Swindon or Oxford on Saturday and the traders in the town can't compete with the goods available or their prices. Some traders start work at 6.30am. most days and they too need some home time.

My Town may not suit everyone but it is trying to serve the community and some shops (Pat Thomas butchers, Thank's a Bunch, Hare in the Woods, The Nut Tree and the Cobblers. Jan's sweet shop) offer a service second to none Old Faringdonian..

Saturday opening - 10/9/14

I know from experience that this is very hard to fight. On the one hand retailers are shut and all the locals know this so,so don't shop in Faringdon, If you try to buck the trend you pay for electric and utilities and no-one visits because everywhere else is shut so they assume all shops are shut.

What is really sad is that the retailers don't take advantage of weekends when we have festivals and they could gain customers from this. I know that from asking why they don't open the answer is usually "Because we need a day off". Festivals don't happen every weekend and being open would probably improve the footfall. Take that day off during the week, Monday springs to mind. Or we could restart the town half day closing (not Saturday).

I know that a lot of working people do their most important shopping first (food & groceries) so that means other shopping comes second on a Saturday, they've been to Tesco, Sainsbury, Asda unloaded the shopping and wander out into Faringdon for presents for the family, nice joint for sunday, Oooh, The shops have shut.

Green Witch

Closed shops on Saturday afternoon - 9/9/14

I went into town on Saturday at about 2pm and so many shops were closed, why is that? Saturday, the one day of the week when I am home to shop in Faringdon and after doing the house work and then going out to look round the shops, nearly everything is shut. Most notable is the cheese shop, whose windows are constantly full of signs asking faringdon's residents to support his business. SHUT. It's not shoppers killing this town, it's shop owners.

I made my way up London Street and eventually found The Gifted Magpie open, with friendly staff and several shoppers, where I bought a gift for my friend. I will be shopping there again, as they are open til 5.

Name Supplied

Protect Rural Oxfordshire (PRO)- 9/9/14

Did you know that current plans for the county include 80,000 new jobs, 90,000 more residents and 100,000 more houses – all within the next 17 years? This proposed growth in housing is the equivalent of every town and village increasing in size by 40%.

The Oxfordshire Branch of the Campaign to Protect Rural England is concerned about how the speed and scale of this development could cause irretrievable damage to our

landscape and local communities, and the impact it will have on already over-stretched services and infrastructure particularly in rural areas.

It has launched a campaign – Protect Rural Oxfordshire (PRO) - to fight for a more sustainable vision for the future of the county.

To find out more see our website (<http://www.cpreoxon.org.uk/campaigns/item/2375-protect-rural-oxfordshire>) or follow us on Facebook (www.facebook.com/CPREOxfordshire) or Twitter (@CPREOxfordshire) and sign up to our monthly e-news bulletin (E: administrator@cpreoxon.org.uk / T: 01865 874780).

Thames Valley Police. Neighbourhood update - 9/9/14

September Newsletter

<http://www.thamesvalley.police.uk/yournh/yournh-tvp-pol-area/yournh-tvp-pol-area-soxon-vowh/yournh-tvp-pol-area-n378>

Suspicious white transit van - 9/9/14

Be aware White transit van with 2 men 1 lady around Stanford road at 7.15 this morning. They were searching through the bushes !!!!!!! Picking up I guess what they came for to sell!!!!!! Reported this to police, with registration number Name supplied

Housing developments- 7/9/14

VWHDC have decided that the Steeds developers must produce an Environmental Impact Assessment. The decision indicates that although the development if assessed on it's own issues can be mitigated, when taken with cumulatively in terms of traffic generation an Environmental statement is required.

[Read the decision document](#)

New Fishing Tackle shop - 7/9/14

What was the Exchange in the Market Square is to become a Fishing Tackle shop '+ other things', according to the workmen.
ED(GW)

American Diner - 7/9/14

Thanks to people who responded. You can get an update on http://www.oxfordmail.co.uk/business/news/11457014.Diner_couple_blame_taxman_as_staff_don_t_get_their_pay/
ED(GW)

American Diner - 6/9/14

So what's happened to the American diner by the bp garage? Drove past last night and it was completely shut at 7pm on a Friday. Can't be a good sign can it. Then went onto their facebook to see if they gave a reason and they've shut both facebook/twitter pages. Have they gone under?
Nosy foodie

Faringdon Parking Study-5/9/14

Gary Kay Smith Ltd has been commissioned by the Vale of White Horse District Council and they are working closely with the Faringdon Town Council to undertake a parking study of Faringdon. They will be holding a two day event to enable you to discuss your parking related issues and complete your questionnaire. These will be on Saturday 4 and Tuesday 7 October 2014, between 9:00 am & 5:00 pm at the Market Stall under the Old

Town Hall and between 6:00 pm & 8:00 pm at an Exhibition in the Pump House.

Please [review the leaflet](#) that details the parking related issues that have been identified, and complete the questionnaire by 31 October 2014. Both are available to download and you can complete the [questionnaire on-line](#). A collection box will be available in the Faringdon Community and Tourist Information Office from Monday 29 September to Friday 31 October 2014, for anyone who wishes to leave their questionnaire. Please follow the links at the following websites:

www.faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk

www.garykaysmith.co.uk

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/faringdonparkingstudy>

The questionnaire is on line and available now for anyone to complete.

A417 Closure - 5/9/14

I am also surprised to see no information about this road closure particularly as ~Radio Oxford have been announcing that notices are in place. Having driven along to Challow this morning I stopped and spoke to Network Rail who said notices were due to go up tomorrow evening. When I asked why they had not been put in place earlier the gentleman did not have an answer.

Name supplied

Folly Tower - 5/9/14

The tower is open this Sunday, 7th, 11am-5pm

There'll be cakes from about 12noon. also plenty of time to find the new feature made by Rob, our man with the chainsaw. You need to look at ground level!

The slackliners will be there as usual

Gene Webb

A417 at Challow - 5/9/14

With the A417 at Challow bridge closing tomorrow for three months, I find it strange that Network Rail who are responsible for the work have not bothered with signs warning of the closure (apart from the two tiny unreadable ones by the bridge).

Where are all the yellow diversion signs for lorries ?, Where are all the 7.5t weight limit warning signs for the back roads. No mention of the diversion route via Frilford. There should be warning signs on the A420 and in Wantage/Grove area. No information about changes to bus routes. what's going on. Rang the council, they said " not our responsibility- it's Network rails".

name supplied

Congratulations to Nurses - 4/9/14

The Faringdon & Shrivenham District Nursing Team would like to say congratulations to two members of their team who have reached certain milestones on the district!

Sue Taylor (nee Barradell) has just reached 25 years of working in the district!

Also good luck & best wishes to Ann House who is retiring from the district after working here for 33 years!

Congratulations & thank you for all your hard work & support!!

From the Lisa, Rebecca, Rose, Suzan, Lucy & Natalie (The District Nurses!)

Are you a Couple? Do you have a Cooking Partner? - 4/9/14

Channel 4's hit show *Come Dine with Me* is coming to SWINDON with a new twist, and we're looking for COUPLES to take part!

Do you and your other half host the best dinner parties in town? Come Dine With Me are looking for the perfect partnership to create the recipe for success!

If you're over 18, live in and around SWINDON and have the combined skills to produce an amazing dinner party...We want to hear from you!

Three couples. Three nights. Three dinner parties.

And a **£1,000 cash** prize.

If you or any couples you know would like to take part call us NOW on 0207 157 3746

(Callers from a BT landline will be charged a set up fee of 14p per call plus 10p per minute. Calls from other networks may be higher and from mobiles will cost considerably more.)

Or preferably, email: jen.archer@itv.com

Faringdon and District NCT Nearly New Sale - 4/9/14

Sunday 28th September 2014 3:15pm-4:00pm FARINGDON LEISURE CENTRE, SN7 7LB

We need people to help organise this sale.

No previous experience is necessary but if you have been involved before then even better!!!

Please please please get in touch ASAP. Any time you can offer (from now until the sale day!) would be greatly appreciated if it meant we did not have to cancel this sale.

There are a range of jobs that need doing from putting up banners to sending and replying to emails and arranging a man with a van to pick up equipment. If you can do anything it WILL help.

The decision about whether or not this sale will be cancelled will be made on Sunday 7th September based on how many people have come forward to help organise the sale.

If we do not have enough people willing to help we will cancel. For further information please email nctfaringdon@yahoo.co.uk or message us on our Facebook page. THANK YOU!

Holiday home for dog wanted - 3/9/14

Can anyone recommend a couple/family that would have a very friendly female golden lab when owners go on holidays and the odd days out.

Debs_de_jong@btinternet.com

Join us for a Bible Study/ Prayer Meeting every Friday- 3/9/14

RCCG TRUE WORSHIPPERS' ASSEMBLY, FARINGDON.

Venue: The Pump House. SN7 7JA.

Time: 6:00pm- 7:30pm

Contacts: 07544903248, 07594684824

Email: pastor@rccgtrueworshippersassembly.com.

Web: www.rccgtrueworshippersassembly.com

Results of Patient Transport Consultation - 3/9/14

<https://consult.oxfordshireccg.nhs.uk/consult.ti/NEPTS/consultationHome>
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Cakes at the Folly Tower on Sunday 7th - 2/9/14

Charity Cake Sale at the bottom of The Folly on Sunday 7 September

Refuel with cake after climbing The Folly stairs and give a donation to The Nasio Trust. All the money raised will be used by The Nasio Trust to build a new Medical Centre for use by orphans using their 2 Day Centres for in Kenya.

Jane Rennells needs to raise £3500 and will be going to Kenya in October as part of a team driving donated 4x4 vehicles across Kenya and Tanzania.

Jane Rennells

Faringdon Knit and Knatter Ladies- 2/9/14

Are having a Coffee Morning on Friday 19th September 2014. at the Faringdon Old Town Hall.

Raising funds to fill and transport shoe boxes for families and the elderly to Romania, Moldova, Bulgaria, Ukraine and Albania. For Link To Hope. Also we are sending items to the Swindon Drop In Centre.

We are having a raffle winning prize a Hamper filled with goodies. A Cake stall and a tombola etc...

White Horse Medical Practice Autumn Newsletter - 2/9/14

The Autumn newsletter has just been published. It will be available in paper form at the Health Centre and in various locations round the town. You can also read it online on <http://www.whitehorsepracticeppg.org.uk/news--your-views.html>

It includes news from the White Horse Practice, information about being a carer, vaccinations, the maternity service in Faringdon and more.

There's a reminder to get your flu jab too. People over 65 are all eligible, but those suffering from other conditions are advised to be vaccinated.

Flu vaccine is the easiest and most effective way of preventing the flu. It doesn't guarantee that you won't get it, but it reduces your risk of getting it and of developing serious, life threatening complications.

FLU VACCINE IS EFFECTIVE AND FREE – Ring 01367 242388 to book an appointment
Clinics start on 11th October.

White Horse Practice Patient Participation Group
(WHMPppg) <http://www.whitehorsepracticeppg.org.uk/>

Faringdon Rugby Club New Season - 2/9/14

Boys, Girls and Dads

Sunday 7th 10am Folly Sports Park

Seniors training Thursday evenings, 7.30

Contact rmkenyon@fcc.oxon.sch.uk

<http://www.pitchero.com/clubs/faringdonrufc/> or Facebook

Courses in Faringdon- 2/9/14

See <http://faringdon-community-education.com/autumn-term.html>

First Aid, French, Spanish and Science

Beginners Badminton - 2/9/14

Join us for a fun beginner's badminton session and learn the basics from serving to scoring and get a FREE Badminton racket!

Thursday evenings. Starting 18 September, **7 pm**

FREE to members, £15 for 8 week course or £3 per session

FaringdonLeisure Centre, SN7 7LB

Contact Lil 07801 203 539

Lil.Roe@southandvale.gov.uk

New Town Clerk- 1/9/14

June Rennie, the Town Clerk for Faringdon Town Council has retired after 25 years in the post. Her successor is Sally Thurston. Sally has been managing the Tourist Information centre for a few years. She has recently gained the qualifications for the Town Clerk role. ED(GW)

Don't build on Humpty Hill petition -1/9/14

211 signatures, 1/9/14, 17.00

Do sign it if you haven't already. <http://epetitions.direct.gov.uk/petitions/68429>

Tesco petrol vouchers - 1/9/14

I wrote to Tesco to tell them that the nearest petrol station to take their vouchers is 12 miles away. They said

I'm sorry to hear that you're so far away from a Tesco Petrol Station. I can understand how disappointing this must be for you.

We're always looking for new ways to help our Clubcard customers, and they've told us they'd like help with the cost of fuel, so we've introduced Fuel Save to say 'thank you' for their loyalty.

The Tesco Marketing Team work very hard in trying to make all promotions as fair as they can, so that all customers are able to take advantage of these fuel savings, and as you have quite rightly advised there does seem to be a slight flaw in this promotion which does not allow this to be accessible to all.

I know that we are looking into the possibility of extending the promotion to include Esso service stations for our customers that don't live near a Tesco petrol station. Although this hasn't yet been confirmed, if the idea did go ahead this could provide you with more opportunities to redeem your Fuel Savings. At this time we are waiting on Esso to see if they will agree to this for future promotions.

Name Supplied

Floor tiler wanted - 1/9/14

Hi, could anyone please recommend a very good floor tiler in our area. We have a room requiring new floor tiles fitting.

Regards Mark.

New Faringdon Community Choir. Starts Wednesday 10th September - 1/9/14

The Ferndale House Community choir will be lead by Louise Woodgate, an experienced singing teacher. Louise will be introducing a wide repertoire ranging from musical theatre, classical, pop, folk, through to jazz

The main aim is to enjoy the singing

Every Wednesday in term time. 7 – 8.30 pm in the School Hall at Ferndale House Preparatory School, 5 - 7 Bromsgrove, Faringdon, SN7 7JF

Entry by the front gate in the evening.

Male and female singers welcome.

No previous experience or ability to read music needed.

£2.50 per session – wine and nibbles included.

For further information call 01367 240618

