Thankyou Trevor and Donald - 31/7/15
i would like to thank Trevor and Donald for the great service they have provided at The Nut Tree gift shop. It was a sad day when they closed their doors for the last time.
Trevor where do I buy my hand bags now?
name supplied

Friday 7 August sees the opening of the Faringdon Advice Cafe in the Town. - 31/7/15
The Cafe is based in the old Barclays Bank building in the Market Square.
This is a three month trial project to provide a free advice and information service point involving the local Citizens Advice Bureau, South and Vale Carers, Wantage Advice Centre and Age UK

SUPERFAST BROADBAND - WiFi codes- 31/7/15
Mrs F asks about the dog-height signs. Yes - apparently they are the WiFi codes for the superfast broadband.
Name supplied.

Free Wellbeing checks available for carers at Boots in Faringdon from 1st August. - 31/7/15
Carers often neglect their own wellbeing while caring for someone so this is a great opportunity for them to think about themselves too.
You do need to book an appointment.
Statistics show that carers are twice as likely to suffer from health problems than non-carers. Carers say that they just don't have time to look after their own wellbeing.
www.carerosxfordshire.org.uk

Dr Lee.- 30/7/15
Really pleased to hear Dr Lee is back.
She was so kind to me when my mother had to go into a care home, a brilliant doctor and a wonderful human being, I know mum appreciated all the hard work and care Dr Lee put in to make sure she was properly taken care of.
Dr Lee went over and above what was expected of her to help with what was a bewildering time for all.
A great asset to the White Horse practice and to the people of Faringdon.
Jim Horton.

SIGNS OF THE TIMES? - 30/7/15
Please explain. Aenaone (the dog) was doing what dogs do yesterday in the marketplace. I then noticed she was sniffing a small greenish sign. GRAND INFO - I think. Amazingly I then came across another one a little further on - also low down. RIND OF NAG -- if I remember correctly. Do you think these are something to do with the superfast broadband perhaps? A hotspot code? Or have they been there a long time? It looked quite old.
Mrs Persephone Featherstonehaugh

Superfast Broadband - 30/7/15
We are very happy to announce that Super Fast Broadband is now available in many places in the Town Centre. This is real evidence that our community can take action and get results. We were told that businesses were suffering in our town because they were unable to get super fast broadband so we contacted the relevant people who were happy to help and get this result. Thank you for telling us what you needed!
Faringdon Town Council

A step to better funding. - 30/7/15
Go to ocva.org.uk/data and take a few minutes to complete an online census.
This census of not-for-profit groups in Oxfordshire will help OCVA and OCF to connect groups to funders. By knowing more about your group we will be able to put you in front of Oxfordshire’s most generous who have an interest in helping your cause. Whether your group is a registered charity or not; however big or small; whatever your cause, please fill in the form and help us to help you.
The census runs until 31st October 2015.
*This is a joint venture between OCVA, Oxfordshire Community and Voluntary Action and OCF, Oxfordshire Community Foundation. Read about OCF at www.oxfordshire.org.
Once you have added your own groups, please do consider forwarding this email message on to any other groups you know of.
A poster is attached just in case you know people with access to community notice boards. Everyone knows different groups. Full details about the census, the Data for Good tool, some questions and answers for completing the form, and other related matters are all on our website. The website also explains why, even if you were in our public directory before (or updated your details with us recently), you may still want to do this.

OCVA and OCF

Parking - 29/7/15
Who owns a small red car parked in the flats car parking spaces opposite the church blocking 3 parking bays. totally stupid way to park a car
Yazmin Balom

White Horse Medical Practice - 28/7/15
Does anyone know if Dr.Lee is coming back to our practice, all appointments that I have had with her have been so positive, she is so human and lovely and so professional, we feel she is a great asset to our community, she always gets it right. Really hope that her husband is making a good recovery. I wasn't sure that the two practice's were going to work but with Dr.Lee on board along with Dr.Dickson I feel safe.
Name supplied

Hobbs Lane - 28/7/15
There used to be (still might be under the weeds) a roadsign with that name on it. However, that might be what OCC Highways have called it where it's local name is something else.
Green Witch

Accident on A420- 28/7/15
Thames Valley Police is appealing for witnesses following a fatal collision on the A420 at Faringdon. Shortly after 9am today (28/7) four vehicles, a Ford Focus, a Toyota Auris, a Ford Transit van and a Ford Transit flatbed lorry were involved in a collision. The driver of the Ford Transit van, a man aged in his seventies, died at the scene. His next of kin has been informed. The male driver of the flatbed lorry was airlifted to the John Radcliffe Hospital with life-threatening injuries. Three other people sustained minor injuries. The road has been closed while officers investigate the circumstances of the collision and it currently remains closed in the Faringdon area while the vehicles are being recovered. Diversions are in place in the area.
Senior investigating officer PC James Lovell, from the Serious Collision Investigation Unit, said: “I would like to speak to anyone who saw the collision or who saw the vehicles travelling prior to the collision. If you have any information which could help with our enquiries please contact the police. Anyone with any information which may assist the investigation should call the 24-hour Thames Valley Police enquiry centre on 101, quoting URN 301 28/7. If you do not want to speak directly to the police you can contact the independent charity Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111. No personal details are taken, information is not traced or recorded and you will not go to court.

The Hobble - 28/7/15
I'd also wondered why The Hobble was being called Hobbs Lane as it's been known as The Hobble for as many years as I can remember. From reading posts on facebook it seems that many others agree it's The Hobble. Apparently there were cottages along there called Hobble Cottages. If you search for the internet for The Hobble, Faringdon you can find references to it on .org over the years. If you search for Hobbs Lane it comes up as Hobbs Road on the housing estate. I understand that new estates in the town are named after local people who lost their lives during the two world wars and have their names on the war memorial, it's a lovely thing to do. However this path isn't new and I think it should stay as The Hobble and be named officially. It's part of the town's history and if it loses its name then the stories and Hobble Cottages are lost forever.
Name Supplied

Is Hobbs Lane the Hobble? - 28/7/15
The Town Council calls the footpath that runs from Park Road to Southampton Street ‘Hobbs Lane’. I think this is the path called the Hobble? What do others think? Where did Hobbs Lane come from?
Ed(GW)

Dog fouling - 28/7/15
Faringdon Town Council have been working with the Environmental Warden at VWHDC to focus on the increased dog fouling issue. Areas that have been brought to our attention are Tuckers Park, The Church Yard, Coxwell Rd and the Footpath that runs from Tesco to the Town Centre (Hobbs Lane).
Two fines have recently been issued in the district largely thanks to the support of the public that provided information of persistent dog walkers that did not pick up. They were identified and issued with a £50 FPN. Lets keep working together to stop this horrible problem.
Faringdon Town Council
Folly Fest Sportive - 28/7/15
This festive event is for those people who want to combine cycling with a bit of fun. Definitely no pressure. Travel at the pace you want while enjoying the gorgeous countryside surrounding Faringdon. There will be a Lycra (swear) box with a pound penalty for each body hugging garment (at the leader’s discretion).
For those who like a little bit of competition, there will be an observational “treasure hunt” with clues to spot objects of interest along the way. Desirable bike-related prizes will be awarded for the first correct entries out of a hat. There will also be a prize for the oldest or most disreputable bike, so long as it is safe to ride, once again at the leader’s discretion. All the fines for full-on cycling wear will be handed to the most inappropriately dressed rider according to popular vote.
So, if you have that bike in your shed that you’ve been meaning to dust off and ride or if you’re a cyclist who just feels like riding for a bit of innocent fun, come down to the FollyFest and have a go on Sunday the 9th of August at 11 am. The leader will be waiting in the passage alongside the Red Lion pub.
The course will be easy and the ride will take about 2 hours so that it will be achievable by all-comers and will deliver participants back in time for lunch.
No entry fee. Course will be for hybrid bikes so potentially a little gentle off road.
http://www.farcycles.org.uk/

Re: Wicklesham Quarry - 27/7/15
So it would appear that the present Wicklesham Quarry was started in 1987 and the original planning permission did require it to be used for landfill when worked out, so how can the information from 1964 onward be relevant to it? Surely that information relates to the excavations now occupied by Rogers Concrete.
Name supplied

Wicklesham - 26/7/15
The person who posted about the landfill is correct – the terms of how the site was going to be filled are detailed in the 1987 lease when Grundons took over the quarry. But when they started quarrying, and found the wealth of fossils that have shaped our understanding of life all those millions of years ago, that’s when the site became an SSSI, with the requirement to leave the sides open, I believe. That’s also when plans to make it a landfill site were dropped. Personally I’m rather glad that happened.

I’ve no record of the 1964 agreement, indeed I’m not sure the quarry was all that active at that stage. But I know the other two quarries, nearer the town, were active back then, so maybe these conditions relate to them. There was never any requirement for ‘progressive restoration’ at Wicklesham, although there may be with the quarry extension.

I’ve farmed Wicklesham for 25 years and haven’t found any Grade 2 land yet – the land around the quarry would struggle to reach Grade 3A. But Anna clearly knows where it is – perhaps it’s with the rare arable plants – so that’s good.
Tom Allen-Stevens
Owner, Wicklesham Quarry

Re: Stanford recycling - 26/7/15
Hopefully Folly Man is correct about 2019, but a quick google shows why people are asking;
http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-oxfordshire-33520050
http://www.oxfordtimes.co.uk/news/13489178.Recycling_closures_plan_is_defended/
Name supplied

Re Stanford recycling centre rumoured closure - 25/7/15
At present I have a punctured 200 litre rain water butt, a large obsolete computer tower with its screen and keyboard, two broken printers, two obsolete paraffin heaters and five large fuchsia bushes at the end of their lives. All of these will have to be taken to a recycling centre, the weekly refuse collection service cannot be expected to take them. We are encouraged to recycle but if we have to drive scores of miles to do it, surely this defeats the object of the exercise. So, local councillors, the Stanford recycling centre really is an essential facility please make every effort to preserve it.
Dennis H.

RE: Stanford Recycling Centre - 25/7/15
In October last year Oxfordshire County Council approved an extension to the closure date of the Stanford site to allow it to continue to operate as a household waste recycling centre until 31 December 2019. (http://tinyurl.com/qjjhqqs)
I’ve not seen anything since that has changed that decision and nobody who has posted on the subject has given any details on where they found about any plans to close it early. Until they do I think it’s reasonable to assume there is no imminent threat.
Folly Man

Trolley dumping - 24/7/15
I see the mystery Tesco shopping trolley thief has been busy again with yet another trolley dumped in Gloucester Street-the third one in as many months-and once again dumped in someone’s driveway.
Name supplied

RE: Re: Stanford recycling centre - 24/7/15
The OCC plan is that it will not matter closing centre like Stanford as they are doing such a top job at stopping all cars travelling anywhere around Oxfordshire that you wouldn’t be able to dump anything anyway.
Joking aside at present Stanford has not been shut down just yet so we all need to remind the Council how vital it is. Every time
I have been over there it is always busy and well managed it would be such a mistake to close it. Let us all contact the OCC to voice our opinion. It may fall on deaf ears but better we try.
Rob Perkins

Re: Stanford recycling centre - 24/7/15

There's no problem if Stanford shuts - all the waste can go in one of the tunnels they are going to dig under Oxford to replace the roads. Either that or after years of pushing recycling they would now rather pay for an army to clear up all the fly tipping when a large percentage prefer that route to a 40 mile round trip.

Today in the news NASA have found a distant planet like Earth - at last we have a clue as to where OCC recruits, as it doesn't seem to be on this planet
Name supplied

Comedy sketch show - 23/7/15

...featuring 3 members of Faringdon Dramatic Society Jeff Barry, Amanda Harvey and Sean Hodgson www. SoundsOfSwindon.com by The Institute of Complementary Comedy. Brand new radio sketch show - as first heard on Swindon 105.5
All shows and sketches are now free to download, devour and share.
Sean Hodgson

Re the possible closure of the Stanford recycling centre - 23/7/15

I saw the smart Alec from the council say that when he purchased a new tv the firm he bought it from took the old one away so he could not see a problem as most firms will do that for free. Also most recycling could be disposed of in the bins the council provide, well bully for him.
What about all the other stuff that won't fit in the bins IE carpet, old beds, old linoleum and whatever else that will be dumped at the roadside if they close the tip.
I don't think these people have a clue what goes on in the real world.
Name supplied

Stanford recycle centre- possible closure - 22/7/15

Once again we are being informed that the Stanford Road Recycling Centre may have to be closed and the public will have to find another site maybe the other side of Oxford. Will the County Councillors monitor the Highways and Byways to ensure that there will not be any Fly-tippers about.
Old Faringdonian.

Thames Valley Police is appealing for information following a burglary in Faringdon - 22/7/15

On Saturday (18/7) at around 1.20am, offenders forced entry to Tesco Metro in Park Road.
Offenders forced open a cabinet and stole cigarettes.
If you have any information relating to this message, please contact PC Simon Charlton, at Abingdon Police Station via the 24 hour non-emergency telephone number 101.
Alternatively if you have 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.

WICKLESHAM QUARRY- HISTORY, PLANNING CONDITIONS & RESTORATION - 22/7/15

A 1986 article (Paleontology 24 (4)) states "Faringdon fossils have attracted scientific attention for centuries. The first published reference to them is... by Llwyd (1699)". The uniqueness of the "Faringdon Sponge Gravels" is due (I believe) to several factors: the rarity of sponges forming fossils at all; the presence of invertebrates "in life positions within the cavities and on the outer cobble surfaces", and their sheer diversity, with many species that are found only at Faringdon. This is why this SSSI is internationally important & deserves to be preserved under the best possible circumstances in its natural, rural setting.

Recent posts regarding Wicklesham Quarry's planning conditions have suggested there was once a plan to use it for landfill. I have found no record of any such plan. In 1964 when the first (modern) pit was permitted at Wicklesham Farm the conditions stated: 'The face of the excavation shall be left exposed and accessible for scientific examination'. This rules out any plan to use it for landfill.

When the quarry was extended, the 1983 Structure Plan for Oxfordshire contained a Minerals Policy which includes (Policy M.2A) 'There will normally be a strong presumption against the extraction of minerals:- (A) From Grade 1, 2 or 3A agricultural land; (B) In an area of outstanding natural beauty or of high landscape value.' Policy M.5 states: 'All applications for mineral working should be accompanied by a scheme for restoration wherever possible to be undertaken progressively, to allow beneficial afteruse of the site. If land cannot be fully restored to agriculture, forestry or woodland, any other use found for it must be appropriate to its location and its immediate area.'

Wicklesham Quarry was permitted under these conditions, even though it is Grade 2 (& some 3A) agricultural land, presumably because some quarrying had already been carried out on the farm. The policy presumption was already against it because of the quality of the land and its location in an area of 'high landscape value'. The planning conditions have ALWAYS required that it must be returned to agriculture, by creating a soil bed in the base using the original, preserved topsoil, and preserving the fossil record for posterity. It is very clear that 'the location and immediate area' of the quarry is farmland and rural landscape. The National Planning Policy Framework Section 13 FACILITATING THE SUSTAINABLE USE OF MINERALS includes
It's good to get the other point of view regarding Wicklesham Quarry, things are never as black or white as they first appear.

Anna Hoare

**SUMMER HOLIDAY WORKSHOPS in Faringdon** - 21/7/15
A fun packed summer holiday at The Pump House Project. Please see details of our workshops.
[http://www.thepumphouseproject.co.uk/#/holiday-workshops/cf1sv](http://www.thepumphouseproject.co.uk/#/holiday-workshops/cf1sv)

**Junior Book Club Volunteer wanted, Faringdon Library** - 21/7/15
Starting September 2015
Second Saturday of the month from 11.00-11.45 for 8-11yrs
Reading for pleasure is more important to children’s successes than education or social class. Book clubs help children build a lifelong reading habit. *Because everything changes when we read.*
Running the Junior Book Club, you will be encouraging reading enjoyment and a passion for books. At each Book Club session children talk about what they are reading, take part in fun activities inspired by the best children's books, and choose new books to take home and read.
Contact Sheena Gutteridge at Faringdon Library.  Sheena.Gutteridge@Oxfordshire.gov.uk

**LORD BERNERS MUSIC CONCERT AS PART OF FOLLY FEST** - 20/7/15
We're very fortunate to have been able to book [http://www.consensusopera.org/](http://www.consensusopera.org/) - to put on a Concert of Berners songs and piano pieces. This is a real treat - and definitely not one to be missed. Quirky Buffet Dinner included in the ticket price. Full info on [www.pinkpigeons.info](http://www.pinkpigeons.info).
Tickets from Hare in the Woods or Mustard Seed or email wow@pinkpigeons.info.
Sjoerd

**Bizarre Magical Walk, Friday 24th** - 20/7/15
Good afternoon Gentle Folk of Faringdon and District.
Lord Berners will be performing his Bizarre Magical Walk of Faringdon on Friday 24th July. The Walk starts under The Old Town Hall in the Market Place at 6.30pm and costs just £5 per person payable on the night. The Walk takes just a little over an hour and we stop 10 times and I perform a magical trick linked to our stopping point......and I am sure that you will see magic that you won't see anywhere else in the country!!!! We end with a public hanging in the Courtyard of the Crown Coaching Inn!!! If the weather is inclement then do bring a brolly along to keep dry. If you want to know more then please don't hesitate to contact me on 01367 240925 or by email to peter@milehighmagic.co.uk. I look forward to seeing you all!!!!

**Re: Wicklesham Quarry** - 20/7/15
My understanding is that the original planning permission for the quarry site was to return it to the original level, which would have meant that it would have become a land fill site for domestic waste, does anyone really want that to happen? I also understand that the permission has been varied twice already!
Name supplied

**Wicklesham Quarry** - 19/7/15
Surely most of the questions about Wicklesham Quarry have been answered so why have another survey. Most Quarries are filled in and returned to the Land owner Wicklesham is no different. It has been looked into and has no reason to stay as a open Quarry. I would like to see more development in the Town but that is down to the Council so maybe we should petition them and leave the Quarry alone.
Old Faringdonian

**Swan Shanty Night Thurs 23rd** - 19/7/15
Hi everyone!
In case nobody has seen on the What’s On page, this Thursday is the first Swan Shanty night!! After the success of the Hastings Shanty singers in June I’m trying to get a shanty crew started here in town.
If the night is a success it will be a monthly event, and if we have enough singers that are interested we can then do other practice nights so that we can perform at all sorts of events, as a true shanty crew should!
It doesn't matter if you can barely carry a tune, as long as you have timing, are willing to learn and can read chorus sheets (a fondness of beer and rum always helps too).
So yes chorus sheets will be provided, if there are other singers it would be much better, so it's not going to be a one man show!
The Swan, Thursday 23rd, 2030. Be there or be... um.. normal :D
Name Supplied

**Re: Wicklesham Quarry** - 19/7/15
It's good to get the other point of view regarding Wicklesham Quarry, things are never as black or white as they first appear.
Employment land is certainly needed given the housing developments that will be built in the near future. I don't understand why the possibility of using the quarry for employment land is seen as some sinister plot by the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group; I believe they have the best interests of the town at heart, Newts and the SSI are protected and any development would have to respect that.

Name Supplied

WICKLESHAM QUARRY- 17/7/15

As the owner of Wicklesham Quarry, I can't speak for the 4&20 site as I don’t own it nor have ever owned any part of it. But I can say there is demand for development within Wicklesham Quarry because I’ve received enquiries for the past nine years. These things are not straightforward, however, and generally take a long time to come to fruition.

As I understand it, one of the central aims of the Neighbourhood Plan was to agree potential development sites. It’s a plan to ensure Faringdon grows sustainably with the increased housing requirement that had already been earmarked for the town, and the steering committee worked hard to identify suitable employment sites. It doesn’t have to be Wicklesham Quarry, but are there actually any more suitable sites that would provide the amount of land needed to balance the scale of house-building Faringdon faces over the next decade?

Much has been said in the petition and various other posts about my responsibility as a landowner, ‘divisive’ claims I’ve apparently made and what my only interest is in offering the quarry as a potential development site. Anyone who knows me will question these assertions. For anyone who doesn’t, I’d welcome them to come to Wicklesham, use one of the public footpaths, and see for themselves how we aim to balance the needs of the community with those of the environment and the wildlife the farm supports. Or you can just call me to discuss or email me your concerns (243562 tom@wickleshamlodge.com). There’s more information here: [http://www.wickleshamlodge.com/Wicklesham_Quarry.htm](http://www.wickleshamlodge.com/Wicklesham_Quarry.htm). I have tried to discuss these matters face to face with Anna, but she refuses to do so.

We’ve been at Wicklesham for three generations, and I’d hope that I’m carrying on a tradition of responsible land ownership. If the quarry is developed, it'll be on my doorstep, and that of many generations of my family to come, I’d hope. I can tell you, I don’t want to be the one who’s remembered for getting it wrong.

Tom Allen-Stevens
Owner, Wicklesham Quarry

Dignity in care survey - 17/7/15

Over the course of our work with local groups, several concerns about dignity in care have been raised with us. We also know that dignity in care is an area that people are working to improve nationally, and we want to understand what’s working well, and what can be improved in Oxfordshire.

See [http://healthwatchoxfordshire.co.uk/DignityinCareSurvey](http://healthwatchoxfordshire.co.uk/DignityinCareSurvey)

Information needed- accident in Marlborough St Saturday 11/7 17/7/15

Thames Valley Police is attempting to trace a driver of a vehicle which collided with an elderly man in Faringdon and then failed to stop at the scene. Between 10am and midday on Saturday (11/7) the victim was in Marlborough Street near Budgens when a vehicle reversed into him. He sustained serious hip and leg injuries. The driver of the car failed to stop at the scene or report the collision. The victim, a local man in his eighties, was taken to Great Western Hospital in Swindon where he has undergone surgery for his injuries and is currently still in hospital.

Officers are very keen to speak to anyone who was in Marlborough Street on Saturday morning and has any information about this incident.

Anyone with information is asked to contact 101 quoting URN 978 12/7/15. If you don't want to speak directly to the police you can contact the independent charity Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111 or online at www.crimestoppers-uk.org. No personal details are taken, information is not traced or recorded and you will not go to court.

Thames Valley police

NHS111 Workshop - 17/7/15

We are running 4 workshops across the Thames Valley region at the end of July. The workshop will give you the opportunity to feedback your thoughts, ideas and opinions on the effectiveness and efficiency of the NHS 111 service. This important work forms part of the strategy development of the service in Thames Valley area and will assist the commissioners of the service to establish patient and public opinion moving forward.

Please respond with which workshop you would like to attend and we will allocate you a space. TVHUB.111patient@nhs.net

Conference Room A and B, Jubilee House, John Smith Drive, Oxford. OX4 2LH
Thursday 23rd July 2015
5.30 – 7.30pm

Boardroom, King Edward VII Hospital, St. Leonards Road, Windsor, Berks. SL4 3DP
Wednesday 29th July 2015
4.30 – 6.30pm
It is time to stop Faringdon's development being driven by developers who undermine the economic viability of Faringdon's existing shops and historic town centre if it goes ahead. Currently an application to put supermarkets as employment land it has lain empty for the past 5 years, making it vulnerable to alternative planning uses. Ther

We also don't want to be conned. Let's just remember, when the landowner argues that Wicklesham Quarry is needed for employment that he made the same claim back in 2008 for the 4&20 site, and what happened? After selling it with planning permission as employment land it has lain empty for the past 5 years, making it vulnerable to alternative planning uses. There is currently an application to put supermarkets on this site- which Faringdon Council has not opposed- which will further undermine the economic viability of Faringdon's existing shops and historic town centre if it goes ahead.

It is time to stop Faringdon's development being driven by developers whose only interest is to profit from lucrative changes of land use. The petition to Protect Wicklesham Quarry from industrial development can be found at: https://www.change.org/p/faringdon-town-council-the-vale-of-white-horse-district-council-and-secretary-of-state-greg-clark-protect-wicklesham-quarry-from-development?just_created=true
NHS111 service - your feedback is needed - 15/7/15
You can find the survey on: https://consult.oxfordshireccg.nhs.uk/consult.ti/NHS111/consultationHome
Closes end July

Neighbourhood policing Faringdon - 15/7/15
http://www.thamesvalley.police.uk/yournh/yournh-tvp-pol-area/yournh-tvp-pol-area-soxon-vowh/yournh-tvp-pol-area-n378

FARINGDON TOWN COUNCIL: NOTICE OF A CASUAL VACANCY - 13/7/15
Notice is hereby given that there are two vacancies on Faringdon Town Council.
If you would like to know more about becoming a Town Councillor please contact Sally Thurston on the number above or email sally@faringdontowncouncil.gov.uk
Applicants must meet one of the following criteria:

- Be registered as a Local Government Elector in Faringdon
- Occupy as owner or tenant land or premises in Faringdon
- Have resided in or within three miles of Faringdon for at least 12 months
- Have worked in Faringdon or within three miles for at least 12 months – must be main place of work

The applicant must not be disqualified from standing as a Councillor.
PUBLIC elections cannot be held until the year 2019 but for the interim period the present sitting Councillors may co-opt to fill the vacancies.
Co-opt will take place at the next council meeting on 9th September 2015, when applicants will be invited to make a short presentation.
Any one interested in these vacancies should apply, to the Clerk, in writing on or before the 31st August 2015.
Sally Thurston
Town Clerk
www.faringdontowncouncil.gov.uk

ED(GW) You can find links to further information (Job Description, Good Councillor Guide, Code of Conduct) on http://faringdontowncouncil.gov.uk/council/become-a-councillor/

Dog Fouling, Coxwell Road - 13/7/15
I am an enforcement officer for the Vale of White Horse District Council and I just want to bring this issue to your attention as you may receive information from your circle of contacts on who may be causing the issue.
Along Coxwell Road in Faringdon, as you walk towards town on the left hand side of the pavement where the vets is, there is a regular occurrence of dog fouling where someone is leaving large piles of dog mess on the road where the cars are parked. The dog mess appears to be from a large dog and is happening on a regular basis. It looks like the dog mess is being pushed into the road by the dog walker and cars parking along this side are having to drive through it. As a route for a school run, it also looks very unsightly and the residents & general public who pass this area are not too pleased as you can imagine.
Please circulate this around your network of contacts so that the more eyes we have looking out for this issue, the more chance we have of identifying the subject.
Colin Marshall
Environment Warden
Email: colin.marshall@southandvale.gov.uk
Tel: 01235 547641

LATE NIGHT FIREWORKS - 13/7/15
It’s against the law for anyone to set off fireworks between 11pm and 7am, except on certain occasions.
Adult fireworks are category 2 and 3 fireworks - they don’t include things like party poppers.
Category 4 fireworks can only be used by professionals.
The law says you must not set off or throw fireworks (including sparklers) in the street or other public places.
You must not set off fireworks between 11pm and 7am. The exceptions are:
* Bonfire Night, when the cut off is midnight
* New Year’s Eve, Diwali and Chinese New Year, when the cut off is 1am
Name Supplied
Archery Course: BUSCOT PARK ARCHERS- 13/7/15
.. are running a six-session beginners course over the following dates: Mon 10 Aug, Thur 13 Aug, Mon 17 Aug, Thur 20 Aug, Mon 24 Aug and Thur 27 Aug.
All six sessions run from 6:30-8:30 PM. The cost is £60 per adult or £40 per junior (8 years and over, but under 18 years of age). We'll provide all the necessary equipment, so please don't buy any beforehand.
For further information or to book your place, please contact the Club Secretary, Pete Wright, at secretary@buscotparkarchers.org.uk or 01367 240 095. Our website is at www.buscotparkarchers.org.uk

LATE NIGHT FIREWORKS- 12/7/15
I assumed that letting fireworks off late at night was breaking the law, last evening (Saturday 11th July) someone in the area of Leamington Road or Tollington School were letting of fireworks at 11-30 p.m. It ended with a very loud bang which shook the house. I can accept this on new years eve but not at any other time of the year at such a late time. Could someone tell me if this was breaking the law or otherwise.
Ray Wood
Folly View Road.

Faringdon Free Food - 11/7/15
The next Faringdon Free Food sessions will be from 10.00 to 12.00 and from 13.00 to 15.00 this Sunday (12th July). Everyone (adults and children) is welcome to come along to either or both sessions. This month we'll have a go at a variety of jobs to help prepare the town centre for FollyFest. We'll start by sprucing up the Town Centre planters and then work out from there to make sure that all our current plantings look good for August. We'll meet in the Market Square at 10.00 am and 1 pm on Sunday.
Mark Crane,

Alien prank? - 9/7/15
Sign on road as you enter Faringdon from Lechlade indicates Faringdon is twinned with Roswell, New Mexico
Is this an alien prank?????
Frank Sheehan

Faringdon Car Cleaners - 9/7/15
I have just had my car cleaned at Faringdon's Car Cleaners off Park Road. For £10 my 4x4 car received the best outside clean it has ever had by three friendly staff who worked brilliantly as a team. In my opinion it was excellent value for money. Smaller car cleans are only £6.
Since Sainsburys Swindon have not renewed the contract with their team of car cleaners, I strongly recommend that those who used to go there should try out the Faringdon team.
Gof Smith

Faringdon Singers Concert- 8/7/15
Saturday 11th July, 7.30 pm.
Catholic Church of Blessed Hugh, Marlborough St. Faringdon.
Elgar’s Choral Songs ‘From the Bavarian Highlands’, numbers 1 to 5.
Brahms ‘Liebeslieder’ Opus 52, for 4 voices and Piano Duet.
Piano Duet: Schubert's Fantasia in F Minor, D 940.
With readings and songs for all to join in.
Pianists: Lynette Stulting and Magdalena Nasidlak.
Conductor: Terence Carter.
For more details contact Karen Vogt: 01367-241707 or karen@vogt.org.uk

Petition- Improved safety measures for pedestrians and cyclist crossing A420 at Fernham Road to Little Coxwell crossing near Faringdon - 8/7/15
Many pedestrians and cyclists cross the wide, fast stretch of the A420 at the Little Coxwell junction who use the footpath from Fernham Road, particularly during evenings and weekends. The A420 has a high volume of traffic and vehicles travel fast on this stretch of road, which is wide and difficult to cross safely on foot. It is only a matter of time before someone is injured or killed. It is proposed that the Highways authority provide an illuminated, safe island for pedestrians, which would also improve the safety for North-bound vehicles turning right onto the Little Coxwell Road.
Sign the petition
Buscot Run – Results - 8/7/15
The annual Buscot Run organised by Faringdon Rotary took place last Sunday in the beautiful setting of Buscot Park whilst the park was closed by kind permission of Lord Faringdon.
A sunny and warm morning saw 47 runners in the 5k including young children running with mums and dads and a field of 80 in the 10k.
Thank you to all the runners who turned out to make this another hugely enjoyable event.
Results, times and photos are now available to view at: www.faringdonrotaryclub.co.uk and more photos at www.facebook.com/faringdon.rotary

Help get rid of Himalayan Balsam - 7/7/15
Help get rid of Himalayan Balsam on verges around Faringdon. Himalayan balsam tolerates low light levels and also shades out other vegetation, and so is killing off our native plants. It needs to be pulled or cut down before it goes to seed.
What is needed is a band of volunteers with gardening gloves, wellies, garden forks, and lashings of good humour, Tuesday 7th, 7.30pm in the Market Place. Do come and help

Howdens Joinery. New Business - 6/7/15
Opens Monday 6th July
HOWDENS JOINERY FARINGDON opens 7.30. TRADE ONLY feel free to pop in for a look around. Great new account offers so if your in the trade, don’t miss out. See you tomorrow. Paul Nelson

Competition for Berners - 5/7/15
I have just found a Thomas de Faryngdon who was pardoned after the Peasants Revolt. (Terry Jones Medieval Lives - not a joke book)
Mary Beck

A JEWEL ON OUR DOORSTEP - 4/7/15
Joanna Layton just posted the following very moving comment to the petition SAVE WICKLESHAM QUARRY FROM DEVELOPMENT:
"If SSSIs are to mean anything at all, they must be guaranteed protection. Such places are precious, and their flora, fauna and geological richness are delicate.
Wicklesham Quarry is a prime example of such a site. As custodians of its natural and cultural heritage, Faringdon Town Council is in a position of trust. It must demonstrate that its Councillors are worthy of that public trust, by respecting the conclusions of the independent reviews which have clearly stated that it is neither justified nor sustainable to allow industrial use at this site.
It should be superfluous to point out that landscapes such as Wicklesham Quarry have significance for human beings beyond their short-term instrumental economic value (from which a relatively few people profit, to the detriment of wider community value).
I hope Councillors will understand that they have a jewel on their doorstep here.
Not just current residents, but the children and grandchildren of Faringdon people are much more likely to look back with thanks to whoever actively protects this site in the name of their heritage, enjoyment and learning about this unique landscape, than they are to those who seek to let it slip through their collective fingers and ensure its destruction. You can only destroy such places once - and it's for ever. Don't let it happen on your watch!"

Newsletter from Oxfordshire County Council- 4/7/15
July Newsletter

Petition re Fernham Road and A420- 3/7/15
Many pedestrians and cyclists cross the wide, fast stretch of the A420 at the Little Coxwell junction who use the footpath from Fernham Road, particularly during evenings and weekends. The A420 has a high volume of traffic and vehicles travel fast on this stretch of road, which is wide and difficult to cross safely on foot. It is only a matter of time before someone is injured or killed. It is proposed that the Highways authority provide an illuminated, safe island for pedestrians, which would also improve the safety for North-bound vehicles turning right onto the Little Coxwell Road.
**Faringdon in the News - Eccentric’s dalliance with the great Dali** - 1/7/15

****** We all love them: Great British Eccentrics. And they didn’t come any more off-beat, unconventional or amiably crackpot than the man whose acclaimed biography was entitled The Last Eccentric... Gerald Hugh Tyrwhitt-Wilson, 14th Baron Berners. http://www.swindonadvertiser.co.uk/news/13361515.A_eccentric_s_dalliance_with_the_great_Dali/?ref=rss

**Calling all residents... HERITAGE DAY IS BACK!!** - 1/7/15

We are delighted to announce that, on Sunday 13th September 2015, Faringdon shall once again participate in England's biggest heritage festival, providing people with a unique opportunity to learn about our rich history and culture through re-discovering the often hidden or forgotten gems on our doorsteps, along with a range of tours, events and activities.

Free of charge, Heritage Open Day is an event for everyone whatever their background, age or ability. It is a time to celebrate our town, our people and our history, but it wouldn't be possible without a network of local people who are willing to share their time and enthusiasm.

Faringdon Town Council, organisers of this year's Heritage Day, are currently seeking any local artisans willing to demonstrate their skills to the public, along with any individuals or organisations that would like to participate.

Please contact Faringdon Community and Tourist Information Centre on 01367 242191 or email beth@faringdontowncouncil.gov.uk, if you would like to join us in providing an interesting, informative and fun-filled day for all!

**Jonathan Porritt backs local campaign to Protect Wicklesham Quarry!** - 1/7/15

Leading environmentalist Jonathan Porritt has given his backing to the campaign to PROTECT WICKLESHAM QUARRY FROM DEVELOPMENT. He states: 'Our countryside faces death by a thousand cuts, and protecting special places like Wicklesham becomes a more and more important priority for all those who care about the environment.'


Faringdon Neighbourhood Plan seeks to turn Wicklesham Quarry into an industrial/ warehousing site, offering the landowner a shortcut through the planning system. This site has been proposed for industrial development since 2008 and repeatedly rejected by independent Land Reviews and by the Vale itself. In FNP's Sustainability Appraisal it came out as the worst (i.e least sustainable) of ten possible employment sites. Why then is it still included in the Neighbourhood Plan? Could it have anything to do with the 'local stakeholders' who sit on the Steering Group and declare financial interests in the quarry by any chance?

Anna Hoare

**Supported Transport (subsidised buses and Dial-A-Ride) consultation** - 1/7/15

Oxfordshire County Council would like your views on its service change proposals for subsidised bus services and Dial-a-Ride. The council needs to save more than £6 million on supported transport services. We can save money by running existing services more efficiently, however that is not enough. Savings will also have to come from reducing the current £4 million a year the council pays in bus subsidies and to run the Dial-a-Ride service.

Currently Oxfordshire County Council subsidises over 100 bus services in Oxfordshire, which makes up around 9% of the bus network. This means that more than nine out of ten services run without any public subsidy.

The proposals in this consultation will affect some bus users and all Dial-a-Ride users. Read the consultation document and complete the online feedback form to register your views. by 14 Sep 2015

Find out if a bus service on a route you use may be affected using the online map [here](http://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/stconsultation) or download the full table of routes listed in Annex X (at www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/stconsultation).

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_Faringdon Community Bus is one of the subsidised services_
House clearance - 1/7/15
Many items of furniture large and small White goods
Bedroom furniture book shelves single bed double bed
Large trailer
Mobility scooter
Many more items Must clear the house
Contact Dee England 07872 955355