Live at the Park 2015 - 30/6/15
Well that's us done and dusted for another year. So to everybody who came along, joined in and supported us over the weekend, to all the bands and performers - all of who are local and gave their time for free, the sound & lighting team, the stall holders, to the volunteers who helped on the bar and stalls, our sponsors and to the small but very determined committee who make this event happen. We send out a massive THANK YOU.
Saturday was probably the most supported of any the LATP events we've held. With the children's football, tug of war, the fun fair, stalls and the bands. But what made it a great day were the things you can't control!! - the weather was fantastic and the atmosphere this created made the day one to remember.
We are aware of the issues Friday nights event caused and are already working on ways forward. The music itself may not have been to everyone's taste, but it is our aim to offer a contrast to the band based music provided on the Saturday. The amount of noise travel took us by surprise, due to the wind conditions on the evening. We worked hard with Environmental Health prior to the event to cover as many eventualities as possible, but unfortunately weather is beyond our control. We will continue to work with them and offer our apologies for any inconvenience or upset which may have been caused.
When we have all the figures in we'll let you know how much you help us to raise and to which local charities it will be given.
Joel Francis

A420 junction- Little Coxwell and Fernham Road - 30/6/15
I agree that it is a dangerous junction, and someone was killed there 3 years ago. It needs redesigning with safety in mind, but I don’t think a traffic island is the answer. In my view we probably need a small roundabout, solid white lines to prevent overtaking, and speed restrictions along the whole stretch of the A420 from the other side of Great Coxwell to Park Road. A new roundabout is planned for the A420 Great Coxwell turn, but as far as I know nothing for Fernham Road, which is also about to become the main entrance for Grundon's lorries. Lorries turning right across the carriageway will increase the visibility problem at this junction, making the junction even more dangerous.
Anna Hoare

Re: Party in the Park - 30/6/15
Are the rumours true that Metallica are headlining next year?
Name Supplied

Thankyou - 30/6/15
I have lived in our lovely town for 38 years now. Over those years so many social events have been organised. The majority of people have enjoyed them, some people have moaned about them. But regardless I would like to say a huge Thank you to all the people who over the years, have worked so hard to try and make our town a fun place to live.
Jacqui Massey

Ref. Gail and party weekend - 30/6/15
I work in a very stressful environment to and 12 hour nights so something like last weekend was a nice relief for me and my family when I woke up.
Come on join the party next year and smile its easy to do.
David Dennison

Party in the Park - 29/6/15
Congratulations and well done to all the organisers of Party in the Park. Maybe in didn’t suit everyone in the town, but it was only a couple of evenings so surely people can be a little tolerant. Do hope all the criticism will not have a negative effect on the band of hard working people who organised it. keep up the good work.
Name supplied.

Faringdon Rotary - 29/6/15
Faringdon now has all parts of the Rotary family with the exception of Rotaract (age 18 - 30). We are holding an exploratory meeting on Sunday July 12th in Costa Coffee at 11am.
Do you want to be part of a global community of young adults taking action for positive change? Are you looking for the chance to share your ideas and look at the world’s challenges in a new way? Join a Rotaract club and find all this and more, including

- Hands-on service projects
- Fun networking and social activities
- Professional development opportunities
- An international network of young leaders

Please, please share and encourage people you may know to join us for a coffee and find out more about this exciting opportunity.
Party On, Party in the Park! - 29/6/15
we only live across the street and could hear it clearly but we don't expect everyone to sneak around like ghosts when such an event is on. And it wasn't THAT warm Saturday evening that we DID sleep with the windows closed.
"Play anything, just play it loud!" - Robin Williams, Good Morning Vietnam.
Counting down to FollyFest:
Name supplied.

White Horse medical practice - 29/6/15
The Practice needs a FRONT DESK as you walk through the door to communicate the new changes and information
More communication needs to be distributed to patients. The website online repeat prescription system is far too long winded and complicated.
Moving forward is one thing but the whole site is not very user friendly.
Especially for the older person.
Name supplied

Noise - 29/6/15
Noise was ridiculous over the weekend. Children unable to sleep. Having to shut all windows on a warm night.
Organisers should find a field Good distance from the Town next year
Name supplied

Re - Party in the park - 29/6/15
Live in the park was well org
anised friday was loud but it was only 4 hours out of the year so think of the young ones who had some thing organised for them
Jan Francis

Re - Party in the park - 29/6/15
My wife and I were a little surprised with how the noise reverberated around Folly Park View and certainly seemed akin to someone having a party. Despite this though I say it was not the end of the world and they were very good at stopping on time. The events seemed well organized and a lot more attractions in the park this time. It is not something that happens all the time and it is good for the town so please everyone just calm down and just enjoy the summer.
Rob.

A420/Little Coxwell/Fernham Road junction - 28/6/15
Many pedestrians and cyclists cross the A420 at the Little Coxwell junction from Fernham Road. This stretch is busy, vehicles travel fast and the road is wide at this point. It is only a matter of time before someone is injured or killed. I have set up an on-line petition at the link below to petition the Oxfordshire Highways Department to provide an illuminated traffic island at this junction, which would also improve safety for north-bound traffic turning right into the road to Fernham. If you would like to sign the petition it can be found at:
Name supplied.

Ref Gail Party in the Park - 28/6/15
Get a life or go on holiday? Why should I! The event in the Market Place happens each year and is far better than this shambles. Hardly any noise complaints or other problems. I work early mornings and nights and this week for 2 days hardly any sleep due to the selfish actions of a few people "enjoying" themselves due to not being able to sleep till a lot later than usual.
You try working in a stressful environment when tired and irritable due to lack of sleep? Not the best. If Faringdon must have a "party", have it away from housing. How many people on Park Road and in Marlborough Gardens got decent sleep those 2 nights? How many children couldn't sleep.
As for the quality of the music, that is questionable too.
I work for a living and so does my wife and why should we suffer for the sake of a few "musicians" and their followers.
Colin Eddy

Events at Buscot Park - 28/6/15
Who stayed in Buscot House? Monday 29th June
Buscot Park's Theatre seats 60 in a raked auditorium beside the main house. We are offering a series of illustrated lectures
as Monday Matinees from 3.30 - 4.15 pm. £5.00 entry fee (pay at door.)
For further information phone 01367 240786, or visit our website www.buscotpark.com
**Party in the Park - 28/6/15**

I think the wind was in the wrong direction for those who have been complaining about the noise. I couldn't hear anything in Coxwell Street, to the extent that I thought it had been cancelled! I could hear it clearly last year when I lived elsewhere in Faringdon. But really folks, can't we all calm down a bit. It only takes place once a year.

Name supplied.

**Party in the Park - 28/6/15**

Yes we heard it loud and clear, in Littleworth, but don't let's spoil the fun, maybe just have it turned down a bit next year, after all it's not all night every night or Glastonbury.

Ann Lewis

**Party at the Park - 28/6/15**

Oh here we go again!! Something else to moan about.. yes i do agree that the music was loud but hey its only once a year and this year we were blessed with great weather so let those who people who support this type of event enjoy themselves especially the younger generation after all there isn't much else goes on here for youngsters. I also know that families attended which is also great for community spirit. Perhaps next year hold the event on the folly hill so it brings in more people. Any way to all those that moan about this get a life or go on holiday next time.

Gail

**VWHDC and Homelessness - 28/6/15**

VWHDC would like your views on their strategy which proposes measures to prevent and relieve homelessness. [https://consult.southandvale.gov.uk/public/southandvale/health_and_housing/hous/joint_homelessness_strategy_2015-2020](https://consult.southandvale.gov.uk/public/southandvale/health_and_housing/hous/joint_homelessness_strategy_2015-2020) End date is 14th July

**Party in the Park - 27/6/15**

So day two of *fun in the park and it's just as bad. Where do I complain to regarding how to stop a music performance as this is intolerable. Faringdon is an insignificant little town in the Vale with very little going for it and annoying a lot of people is good pr! Must ensure this doesn't get to the starting blocks next year.

Colin Eddy

**Party in the Park - 27/6/15**

I thought I was getting old but, I love people to have fun. However the second night with noise reverberating off our house on the Berners Road area from the event in Tucker Park is just not fair. I love Faringdon but this weekend has sicken me that other townsfolk should comment on the fact that 'we' don't have a right to a peaceful weekend. Have fun in the park but don't involve us all!!! I hope you did not pay because we have it for free here!!

Name supplied

**Party in the Park - 27/6/15**

I was surprised about the volume of noise and wondered whether I would, however reluctantly, join the ranks of the Faringdon Moaners. However, I do wonder how much was due to the weather. Last night was humid and still, with what wind there was coming from the west, and it was uncanny the way the house seemed to be surrounded by noise. Today the noise is coming and going according to the strength of the wind. What was it like in Tucker's Park itself? (I live near the Stanford Road). What was it like on the west side of Faringdon?

Mary Beck

**Party in the Park - 27/6/15**

As a musician, I hate to complain about live music events, but agree with others commenting that the noise levels from 'Party in the Park' last night were ridiculous. The volume level in London St was akin to the music being played by an antisocial neighbour, and we were surprised to discover it was in fact coming all the way from Tucker's Park. We experience far less noise from the Folly Fest held in the Market Square. Unfortunately not everyone gets a lie in on Saturday mornings, and I did not appreciate being unable to get to sleep before my 5.30am alarm! On the plus side, the music did stop promptly at 11pm but I wonder how many other families and residents were disturbed before then...

Name supplied

**Noise - 27/6/15**

Goodness me loud music, people enjoying themselves on a Friday night in Faringdon whatever next.

Name supplied

**Party in the Park - 27/6/15**

I sincerely hope this is the last one as the “music noise” is dreadful. Very loud and seemed to get louder as the evening went on. I live more than 1/2 mile away and yet it was if it was over the wall!

I work early mornings and trying to sleep was a waste of time. Please no more.

Colin Eddy
**Noise- Party in the Park** - 26/6/15

Why does the Party in the Park have to be so loud? It has been more noisy here in Gloucester Street than anything we have had in the Corn Exchange or the Market Square, and not even enjoyable music. Events in the Corn Exchange have been excessively muffled with the sound limiter system - why aren't the same rules applied to Tucker Park? The noise is as if coming from next door's window, not half a mile away, and was loud on Folly Hill. It is not exactly Glastonbury standard so please spare us and let us enjoy some quiet in the garden at the weekend.

Rachel Kenward

**Wicklesham** - 26/6/15

To the correspondent who asked for details of FNP's 'brownfield site' argument re Wicklesham Quarry, the Neighbourhood Plan documents include the Basic Conditions Statement plus a load of Appendices etc, few of which (the Appendices) were publicly available during the 2014 public consultation. (Nearly all can now be downloaded from the town Council website.) Particularly important are the Appendices to the Evidence Base Review: for anyone interested in 'facts', take a look at 'Our Faringdon Our Future', which is cited as the source of the claim (FNP Evidence Base P. 15) that only 27% of the working age population of Faringdon is able to work in the town. This claim forms a key argument for more than doubling the independently assessed B2/B8 land allocation for Faringdon. The 'calculation' involved here has more holes than a sieve, as do the statements based on this document in the Evidence Base. We should give it our 14 year old maths classes in Faringdon so they can tell the Council what's wrong with it!

Incidentally none of these critical Appendices were available to the public at the start of this consultation either, until I made a complaint & finally got to see this stuff.

Anna Hoare

**Wicklesham** - 26/6/15

Thanks for the question. The Neighbourhood Plan Basic Conditions Statement, Page 9, cites National Planning Policy Framework Core Planning Principle 8: "Planning should encourage the effective use of land by reusing land that has been previously developed (brownfield land), provided that it is not of high environmental value", and offers as FNP's response:

"Although housing site allocation is not considered in the FNP, Section 4.2 and specifically Policy 4.2A Residential Development Within the Development Boundary, that apart from the proposed strategic site allocations set out in the Local Plan 2011, and the emerging Local Plan 2031, further residential development should be within the existing development boundary. As there is little undeveloped space within the development boundary, apart from protected green spaces, this implies that development will require the re-use of existing sites as in the former factory site at 5 Lechlade Road.

Of more importance in Section 5 Local Jobs is the allocation of two worked out quarries for employment use. Rogers Quarry is allocated as employment land as is Wicklesham Quarry. The latter is specified in Policy 4.5B: Wicklesham Quarry for B2/B8 use with various caveats (the quarry walls are a SSSI) rather than returning it to agricultural use.”

My argument is that FNP has cited an irrelevant policy as this site has never been developed, i.e. built on. The proper policy context for Wicklesham is NPPF Core Policy 13, as cited in my earlier post.

Anna Hoare

**SUDBURY HOUSE PUBLIC NOTICE** - 25/6/15

Please be aware that there will six minute private firework display at Sudbury House on Saturday 4th July 2015 @ 21.45. This is a private function.

Apologies for any inconvenience this may cause. Please direct any enquiries to the hotel on 01367 241272

**RE: Wicklesham Quarry** - 25/6/15

Could Anna Hoare please be more specific about where the Faringdon Neighbourhood Plan describes Wicklesham Quarry as a 'brownfield site'. I've read through both parts of the Plan and can find no such reference.

The section on potential future development of the quarry does require that 'appropriate ecological mitigation and enhancement measures are incorporated into the proposal' (Policy 4.5B section iii).

I'm not keen on seeing the area developed into industrial use, but let’s make sure the debate is based on facts.

Name Supplied

**‘La Bobina’ new Tapas Bar and Restaurant opening in Faringdon at the end of July** - 25/6/15

We are extremely excited to share our news and introduce ourselves as ‘La Bobina’, a Spanish Tapas and Wine Bar opening in July in the market town of Faringdon. We are a family business and lovers of tapas, cerveza, gins, fine wines and excellent food.

‘La Bobina’ located in the former 19th century haberdashery is set to become an exciting new attraction to the area as a fantastic Spanish tapas and wine bar. The venue distinguishes itself by having a relaxed Spanish feel and atmosphere whilst keeping the traditional haberdashery theme. It is a beautiful building offering an abundance of character, charm and quirkiness as well as incorporating an amazing gallery feature.

Our vision is simple; an informal but smart place to visit day or night.

In the daytime we will be open as a Spanish café offering pastries; famous chocolate con Churros; freshly cooked Spanish inspired bread, delicious olives and of course tapas! This will be somewhere to meet for coffee or lunch or just to grab an hour to relax.
Late afternoon we will offer an attractive children’s menu of ‘Tiny Tapas’ inspired by our son’s favourite Spanish food. By night friends and family can meet up to enjoy a relaxed Spanish evening with a buzzing atmosphere. Perfect for celebrating a special occasion or popping out for an adhoc evening to relax at the bar with a glass of beautiful Spanish wine and exquisite tapas made by our highly experienced Chef (renowned for his culinary skills and Spanish dishes). We will also be following a traditional Spanish custom, ‘Paella Sunday’, this is a family day to come along and experience; observe the making of and to taste and enjoy a variety of impressive traditional paellas. We will have occasional nights of live Spanish entertainment including guitarists, singers, jazz and flamenco dancers.

Our ever changing fantastic authentic tapas menu will comprise of dishes with a fusion of flavours from all over Spain. The menu embraces outstanding quality freshly cooked food; including the chef’s Spanish bread selection, traditional tapas dishes bursting with Spanish flavours, an array of seafood, the famous patatas bravas, the traditional Spanish ham stand on the bar with beautiful olives, and an awesome special ‘Tapas of the day’. We only use the best quality ingredients which have been sourced and carefully selected from a variety of Spanish suppliers; and local suppliers for fresh produce. Our wines are sourced from highly popular and respected vineyards across Spain and also include of couple of hidden gems. We have great Spanish Cavas and as gin lovers, we will have a selection of great Spanish gins, along with Sherries, Ciders, homemade jugs of Sangria and of course the best Estrella!

We look forward to welcoming everyone through our doors from Faringdon and the surrounding area to become part of our story at ‘La Bobina’.

We have already started taking bookings; please find as follows our contact details;
Email us hola@labobina.co.uk
Call us 01367 240578 / 07825 050986
‘Like’ and ‘Share’ us on Facebook, and follow us on Twitter for future updates.
La Bobina, 1 Bromsgrove, Faringdon, Oxfordshire, SN7 7JF.

**Community Defibrillator Launch and Training, Saturday 4th July - 24/6/15**
Jubilee Room, Pump house
Launch 10am, followed by training and information drop in until 12 noon
Two public access defibrillators installed in:
- Southampton St Car Park SN77AZ
- Faringdon Community College, Fernham Road, SN77LB
Funded by Girl Guides,

**Oxfordshire GP pilot scheme  Prime Minister’s Challenge Fund News - 24/6/15**
Find out about projects to change and improve Oxfordshire GP services
WHMP Patient group

**Wicklesham Quarry - 24/6/15**
Some correspondents hold that Wicklesham Quarry's address, or whether it is 'part of' the town, is decisive in what can be done to or with it. It is not. (Of course it is in Great Faringdon Parish & it is also outside the development boundary- the A420.) There are a couple of relevant points from a planning perspective. (1) It is in open countryside, agricultural land with planning use for gravel extraction on condition that it is returned to agricultural use when extraction is finished. The National Planning Policy Framework is clear: NPPF Policy 13: ‘Facilitating the sustainable use of minerals’, states: "local planning authorities should put in place policies to ensure worked land is reclaimed at the earliest opportunity, taking account of aviation safety, and that high quality restoration and aftercare of mineral sites takes place, including for agriculture (safeguarding the long term potential of best and most versatile agricultural land and conserving soil resources), geodiversity, biodiversity, native woodland, the historic environment and recreation."

(2) Faringdon Neighbourhood Plan seeks to justify creating an extra 20 acre industrial/ warehousing site in open countryside by describing it as a ‘brownfield site’. According to Ox County Council Head of Minerals & Waste Policy this is a fundamental ‘misunderstanding’ of the policy context of quarrying. It is NOT a brownfield site that can merely be re-used for any purpose the landowner and council choose. This policy (4.5B) is a breach of the FNP’s ‘Basic Conditions'- the requirement to be in conformity with Core Policies of the NPPF, the Local Area Plan etc. There are, of course, many other compelling reasons to protect & restore Wicklesham Quarry: it lies in an area of high landscape value classed as a Nature and Conservation Target Area (WH Core Policies 44, 46). And it is an exceptional, unique geological site and natural habitat of protected species. The many rare plant species recorded in the Wicklesham tetrad will naturally recolonize the quarry once its original topsoil placed in the base. Many are no doubt flourishing in the dense shrubbery of the quarry margins.

Check out the petition on Change.Org for more information and the links I posted a few days ago with recent photos of the quarry's ponds and newt habitats by Enzygo Ltd. & Grundon's Restoration Plan.
Anna Hoare
RE: Wicklesham Quarry - 23/6/15
The extension of the quarry lies outside Wicklesham Farm and outside Faringdon Parish. It will up to Little Coxwell Parish to decide if the land is ever developed.
Tom Allen-Stevens

Filing Accounts - help wanted - 23/6/15
Is there anyone local or does anybody know someone that can help me file annual accounts to Companies House for a flat management company? The job of company secretary has been foisted upon me and the accounts need to be filed by July 31st.
Willing to pay anyone that can help.
Please phone Bev: 07505149390

Special constables - recruitment - 22/6/15
Thames Valley Police are running a series of information evenings for those interested in becoming a Special Constable.
Volunteering as a Special is a good way to take a stand against crime and anti-social behaviour in the community.
Special Constables have the same powers as a regular officer and will work side-by-side with them to police the streets.
Come to our information evenings and find out more about the recruitment process, training and role of a Special Constable. This is a great opportunity to hear from serving Special Constables about what the role involves. There will also be an opportunity to talk to the recruitment team and ask any questions you may have.
If you want to find out more and attend an information evening please visit our recruitment website to register or contact us on 0845 2 66 66 77 (option 4) or email us on RecruitmentSpecialCo@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk

- Monday 29 June 2015, 7pm at TVP Headquarters South Oxford Road, Kidlington, Oxon, OX5 2NX
- Thursday 9 July 2015, 7pm Milton Keynes Police Station, 302 North Row, Witan Gate East, Milton Keynes, MK9 2DS
- Tuesday 28 July, 7pm at the Police Training Centre, Sulhamstead, Berkshire, RG7 4DX

For more information on Specials please visit our website.
Thames Valley Police

re Wicklesham Quarry - 22/6/15
'If such a venture were needed to provide work for people currently living in Faringdon then any new build should in Faringdon itself, travel to the quarry would necessitate use of the A420 at the very busy Park Road junction'.
Ah so everybody living in Little Coxwell works in Little Coxwell then, or as I suspect, the majority use the A420 joining from the very nasty Little Coxwell junction.
Last time I checked Wicklesham had the address of Wicklesham, Faringdon, Oxon and always has done. It was cut off when the bypass went through but it's still part of the town and the Allen-Stevens family have always provided employment for people of Faringdon.
Name Supplied

RE: Wicklesham Quarry - 22/6/15
The justification for Wicklesham Quarry's inclusion in the Faringdon Neighbourhood Plan as a potential site for future employment development seems to be because it "... is considered by local stakeholders to be a significant opportunity site that would expand the provision of local jobs." (page 32, Faringdon Neighbourhood Plan for consultation, May 2015).
Who are these stakeholders and what interest might they have in seeing the site developed? Surely these decisions should be made by the people of Faringdon, based on what's best for the town, not by a small group of 'local stakeholders'.
It is also interesting to note that Wicklesham Quarry has already expanded westwards across more farmland, with a new access road opening onto Fernham road yet no mention of this is made in the recently reissued Neighbourhood Plan. Why not I wonder? And if the proposed industrial estate in the existing quarry goes ahead will this be the basis for a future extension?
Name Supplied

Health Services - 22/6/15
Dignity in Care survey. Tell Healthwatch what you think
http://www.whitehorsepracticeppg.org.uk/news--your-views.html
Survey ends 24th July.
WHMP patient group
**Wicklesham Quarry - 22/6/15**

For anyone who would like to see some great photos of what Wicklesham Quarry looks like from inside, here’s a link to the 2013 Great Crested Newt survey by Enzygo Ltd. [http://myeplanning.oxfordshire.gov.uk/swiftlg/apas/MediaTemp/205015-18168.pdf](http://myeplanning.oxfordshire.gov.uk/swiftlg/apas/MediaTemp/205015-18168.pdf)

This was the second survey, the first was 5 years before. This shows that the the naturalised habitat of the quarry’s protected species is quite stable and mature. Here is another link to Grundon’s excellent restoration plan for the quarry.


Anna Hoare

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**Concert at All Saints - 21/6/15**

**Celebration of Life** - an evening of classical live music with choral pieces and reflective readings to celebrate life

Saturday 25th July, All Saints Church, 8pm, £10 to include a glass of wine

In aid of Prospect Hospice, Swindon and MacMillan Cancer Support

Tickets from Tesco or 01367 242327 traceygreengrass@hotmail.com

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**RE Wicklesham quarry - 21/6/15**

I don’t live in Faringdon, I am a Little coxwell resident and my motives against this proposal have nothing to do with fear of future building encroachment onto Little Coxwell. What does concern me is the destruction of more countryside and the creatures that depend upon it.

If such a venture were needed to provide work for people currently living in Faringdon then any new build should in Faringdon itself, travel to the quarry would necessitate use of the A420 at the very busy Park Road junction.

In addition, what proportion of Faringdon residents are applicable for the industry sector offered by the proposed industrial development of WQ? Not enough and I suspect that more people will move to the area to fill these jobs and thus initiate the building of even more new houses.

Nicky Harris

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**Lord Berners' Bizarre magical walk - 20/6/15**

Good day Faringdon, the Lord Berners Bizarre Magical Walk is on for Friday 26th June 2015. It starts at 6.30pm under The Old Town Hall in the centre of town and costs £5. The Walk takes just a little over an hour and we stop 11 times and I perform a magic trick linked to our stop. BUT...regretfully I can’t do the Walk in the rain!!! Please tell you friends and ask them to come and Walk The Walk and have a great, unique, fun time!!!

Peter Wentworth

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**Parking Survey - 20/6/15**

‘Decriminalising parking’ ie VWHD C would take on responsible for on street parking enforcement from the Police (as has been done in almost every other part of England). This is needed to radically reduce the instance of illegal parking in the town.

The report does make other suggestions, and points out where the yellow lines are unenforceable (even by the Police).

Maybe the councils (ie Oxfordshire CC, VWHD, FTC) and the Police are getting together to produce an action plan to improve the situation in advance of VWHD taking on the responsibility( if they ever do)

Optimist

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**Parking survey - 20/6/15**

I am a new resident of faringdon and have read past information regarding residential parking around the town. All i can say is get a life people have to use cars and cars belong on the road. People live in towns who have cars so its simple they park on the road.

Name Supplied

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**Parking and Poo - 19/6/15**

For a small town, Faringdon has too many illegally parked cars and too much dog poo everywhere. Such a shame don’t you think?.

Name supplied.

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**White Horse Medical Practice - 19/6/15**

“We are sorry to announce that Dr Lee’s husband collapsed on 11 June and suffered a major stroke. He remains very unwell in hospital and naturally Dr Lee left work immediately to be with him.

Due to the national shortage of GPs it has not been possible to find a doctor to fill in for Dr Lee while she is absent. Unfortunately her absence also follows the Bank Holidays in May when the surgery lost about 240 appointments due to the national holidays.”
All the doctors are working as hard as they can to try to cover Dr Lee’s surgeries and where possible they are working extra hours but it is not possible to fully cover the absence of a full-time doctor. Inevitably we are unable to offer all the appointments we would like and this means you may have to wait longer for an appointment than is desirable. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause. We are all thinking of Dr Lee at this difficult time for her and are doing our best to maintain as good a service as possible to all our patients.”

WHMP

Live at the Park - 19/6/15
Dear Faringdon Resident
You may be aware that Faringdon Town F.C. will be holding Live @ The Park in Tucker Park to raise funds for local charities on Friday evening June 26th from 7pm until 11.00pm and Saturday June 27th from 12.00pm until 11.00 pm. There are many activities for both adults and children taking place during the day on Saturday and local bands playing live music both Friday evening and Saturday so there will be something for all the family to enjoy. As your property is adjacent to the park we understand that this event may cause some disturbance to your normal weekend routine. We have been working closely with the Vale of White Horse environment team to keep this disturbance to a minimum and ask you to bear with us for this charity event. You are of course welcome to attend and entry is free.
We look forward to seeing you and hope you enjoy your day.
If you have any questions or concerns before or during the event please contact Simon Harrington on 07789437227

Re: Parking Survey - 19/6/15
I realise it was just a survey, but given the solutions were nothing radical like building a multi-storey on the United church but more “the rules are there they just need to be enforced” it just seems to have been a bit of a waste of time & money for all concerned.
If there was no funds to do anything at all it seems a bit strange to have bothered commencing the process. The money would have been better spent funding a traffic warden one afternoon/evening a month for a couple of months which would have either improved the situation or made it self-funding enough for it to continue.
Name Supplied

Parking Survey - 18/6/15
I think the clue is in the word "survey" as far as I know that doesn't include implementation which is in the hands of our District Council who say they can't afford it.
Green Witch

Parking Survey - 17/6/15
Sorry to drag this up again, but does anyone know how much the famed parking survey cost?.
I know one of our many housing developers paid for it, but the money would have been better spent on a chocolate teapot as nothing happened & the situation is now worse than ever. In Coxwell Street & Park Road it's the same cars that are always parked on the double yellow's/most obstructing places, so it's not like it's accidental.
Name Supplied

Wicklesham Quarry - 17/6/15
There’s currently a petition on Change.org that’s been organised by a resident of Little Coxwell who opposes the inclusion of Wicklesham Quarry as a site for potential employment. While it’s good to have a range of views on this subject, there are a number of inaccuracies in the emotive wording of the petition that ought to be highlighted. There’s more info about the quarry at http://www.wickleshamlodge.com/Wicklesham_Quarry.htm.

Wicklesham Quarry actually sits wholly within Faringdon parish. In 2006, Faringdon Town Council started a drive to promote it for employment use. This to address a jobs shortage in the town, as detailed in the Faringdon Neighbourhood Plan Evidence Base.

Following years of excavation, the quarry now has little “naturalised plant and wildlife”, as suggested by the petition. The survey of rare arable plants was conducted over the rest of Wicklesham Farm – none were found in the quarry.

The geological heritage of the quarry is by no means under threat – this will be preserved under the statutory restoration plan, whatever the future of the site. Access for those wishing to study the site will actually improve if the quarry is safeguarded for employment use.

While current planning permission requires the quarry is reinstated to agriculture, it will take decades to bring it to a respectable level of farming productivity. Suggestions to create a wildlife haven will involve importing flora and fauna to a site that is pretty much ecologically barren at present. If a wildlife haven is required by Faringdon, let’s choose an area within the surrounding farmland that’s already rich in native species. This is why this site, already shielded by trees and with good access off the A420, can readily provide those much-needed jobs for Faringdon – anyone who lives in Faringdon and is forced to commute to more job-rich areas of the district will know these are needed.
If this is something you have views on, you can officially register these by downloading and filling in the public consultation response form of the FNP before June 26 – go to http://faringdonplan.webs.com/the-neighbourhood-plan for more.

Tom Allen-Stevens.
Owner, Wicklesham Quarry

**Faringdon Writers’ Group** - 17/6/15
We are a friendly group of writers of fiction, fact, poetry and prose. We meet once a month to develop and share our writing, give and get feedback, and exchange ideas. Everyone is welcome, whatever level your writing is at, beginner to published author. Bring a notebook and pen, laptop, iPad, whatever you write on!
Meetings are on the 3rd Tuesday of the month, 7-9pm at Faringdon Business Centre, Volunteer Way.
Next meeting is Tues 18th August: Journalling Workshop
Come along on the night or call Alison on 01367 888229 for more info.

**The Portwell** - 15/6/15
You forget how grubby the Portwell used to be: [Article in Oxford Mail June 15th 2015](http://www.articlelink.html)
Sjoerd Vogt

**Fernham Fields seeking to reduce the number of Social houses** - 15/6/15
Application to reduce Affordable Housing Obligations under Section 106BA in connection with plan ref: P13/V0139/O
Erection of 200 dwellings.
Details are in the Viability report
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**Health Services** - 13/6/15
You can find out about the significant changes to the help and support available to carers on [http://www.whitehorsepracticeppg.org.uk/useful-links.html](http://www.whitehorsepracticeppg.org.uk/useful-links.html)
There is also information about the 2015/16 GP contract
Ed(GW)

**Sat 13th June, TODAY. Live At The Tithe 3 taking place at the Tithe Barn in Great Coxwell.** - 13/6/15
An all-day family festival for local folk by local folk!
Have a look at our website [www.liveatthetithe.co.uk](http://www.liveatthetithe.co.uk) to see what’s on.
FREE entrance and FREE parking.
There is also an evening concert in the barn headlined by Martyn Joseph - tickets on sale, ring 01793 762070.

**Berners' Bizarre Magical Walks** - 12/6/15
Top of the morning gentle Folk. His Lordship may soon be on the trail again!!! I have been asked by several people if I can resurrect the Lord Berners Bizarre Magical Walk. So here is the plan....I will Walk the Walk for groups - I suggest a minimum of 5 people at £5 per head with a maximum charge of £50 for groups over 10 people. The Walk take a little over an hour and wherever we stop I perform a magical item linked with that location. So you may call me on 01367 240925 to discuss or email me peter@milehighmagic.co.uk . The Walk can't take place in the rain so if the weather is inclement I would call the leader of the group to postpone to another evening. I look forward to hearing from you!!

**Faringdon Free Food** - 12/6/15
The next Faringdon Free Food sessions will be from 10.00 to 12.00 and from 13.00 to 15.00 on Sunday 14th June 2015. Everyone (adults and children) is welcome to come along to either or both sessions.
This month we’ll have a go at the empty bed next to the Budgens car park (the one just across from the toilets). We'll prepare the soil by mixing it with fresh topsoil and then sow wildflower seeds to get some instant colour in time for FollyFest. Later in the year we'll plant some perennial berry-bearing shrubs. We'll meet at the Budgens car park at 10.00 am and 1 pm on Sunday.
[http://faringdonfreefood.org/](http://faringdonfreefood.org/)

**Re the ukulele** - 10/6/15
I think Rob the Cheese (of the Manna Shop) plays the uke, so if he is not a member of the group he may be able to refer you.
Mary Beck

**Keys found** - 10/6/15
We have now had 2 keys handed into the Tourist Information Centre, a house key and a car key
Faringdon TIC

**Ukelele group** - 9/6/15
I had heard that there was a ukulele group in Faringdon. I would love to join in. Please give details.
Eve John
NHS111 - 8/6/15
The NHS want your views on the 111 service in this area. See the poster on WHMP patient group website for information and how to make contact
Ed(GW)

PROTECT WICKLESHAM QUARRY FROM DEVELOPMENT. An online petition - 8/6/15
An online petition has been launched on Change.Org.
Please have a look and sign it if you want to prevent Wicklesham Quarry from becoming an industrial warehousing site!
Thanks.
Anna Hoare

A PINK PIGEON IS NOT JUST FOR CHRISTMAS.... - 8/6/15
The cover photo of the "I live in a Town Called Faringdon" (https://goo.gl/iDs00l) also includes a well-behaved house-trained pink pigeon - especially bred (Columbidae Faringdonensis) so as not to crap on passers-by.
Do YOU think you would make a good owner of such a quintessentially quirky bird? A new batch has just hatched out - and these cute little critters are looking for homes - in time for Folly Fest. They absolutely LOVE it in prominent places. £5 for UNpainted. Can you think of anything more fun than painting & perching your very own perky pink pigeon?
Email me (sjoerd@vogt.org.uk) or message me on Facebook!
Sjoerd

Step in time - two. Ballroom and Latin dance classes - 8/6/15
New dance classes starting for Adult beginners Ballroom and Latin. August 2015, At the Corn Exchange, Faringdon.
For more information please contact 01367 820622.

Huge increase in allowances. MP's getting big pay rises.- 6/6/15
No wonder our taxes keep going up. Thought there were huge cuts to be made in these austere times. Seems that some of the cuts are in the wrong place.
I have no time for councillors and other politicians whether local or national who bleat on about cuts, pay restraint and lack of money, whilst they line their own pockets.
Many of us are earning no more now, than we were five years ago and I personally know, people in very important front line roles (Nurses) whose take home pay is less now than five years ago.
No wonder I have given up voting for these self serving people.
Grumpy Old Man

News from The Rookery.................. - 6/6/15
We had confirmation from Salon Business Awards that cm Hair @ The Rookery are finalists in the UK category of Local Salon of the Year. The award ceremony is on Monday 13th July in London and we are up against some of the top salons in England. The award is not for just how the salon works and what it offers, but what it does for the local community and surrounding areas. This is a great honor for us and we are proud to fly the flag for The Rookery and for Faringdon at such a prestigious event.
Shane Evans

District and County Council allowances.- 6/6/15
So good to see that its not just our MP's who firmly have have noses in the trough of ripping off the public purse. I may be lucky enough to get a 2% pay increase soon, but some of these increases beggar belief. What do they actually do again?
I have to work 48 hours a week with 4 weeks off a year and NO expense account or dubious title to justify my existence. Plain Mr does for me.
Colin Eddy

Increase in District and County councillor allowances - 6/6/15
This was agreed in Dec 2014. There are 38 District Councillors
Councillor’s Basic Allowance increase from £3,984 to £4,575 (14.8%)

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Leader of Major Opposition Group £1,186 £1,210

Oxfordshire County Council 63 councillors
Basic Allowance payable to all councillors increase from £8,376 to £10,000 (19%)
Plus for those with special responsibilities:
Leader of the Council Now £29,000 from £25,131 (15%)
Deputy Leader of the Council now £20,000 from £16,754 (19.3%)
Cabinet Members now £16,000 from £12,565 (27%)
Chairmen of Scrutiny Committees now £6,000 from £5,050 (19%)

Faringdon Town Council
No allowances. Wholly voluntary
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Poppies - 3/6/15
So sorry to see the emerging poppies and other flowers in the field at the bottom of Folly Hill have been cut back. I do hope that prior year trespassing hasn’t resulted in the loss of this spectacle to everyone else.
Gutted
Name Supplied

Beautiful Garden - 2/6/15
Who made the beautiful garden opposite the roundabout which leads into the health-centre car park. It’s lovely.
Mary Beck

Ferndale Community Choir - 2/6/15
Wednesday June 3rd
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. £2.50 per session.
Male and female singers welcome. No auditions, no previous experience needed.
Run by Louise Woodgate, singer and singing teacher. Huge fun
Louise will be introducing a wide repertoire ranging from musical theatre, classical, pop, folk, through to jazz and the main aim is to promote the enjoyment of singing.
For further information call 01367 242222

New cycle trail proposals at Badbury Hill - 2/6/15
New scheme to keep National Trust’s Badbury Hill safe for walkers and cyclists
Two, new, permanent cycle trails are being proposed by the National Trust at Badbury Hill in Oxfordshire. There will be a family cycle trail and a ‘blue’ route for proficient cyclists with ‘red’ loops for experts. The trails have been designed with British Cycling to competition standards.
The cycle trails will draw bikes away from walking routes and the precious Iron Age hill fort to make the site safer and protect the fort from erosion. Walking routes will remain unchanged and will become ‘quiet zones’ within the woodland. ‘Badbury Hill has been used by increasing numbers of walkers and cyclists over the last five years,’ says Richard Jackson, Rural Surveyor for the National Trust’s Buscot and Coleshill Estates. ‘Separating cyclists and walkers will make Badbury Hill safer, but the proposals are also about improving facilities for visitors and enhancing the site.’
The car park will be improved and extended and dog poo bins installed. A car parking charge will go towards looking after the National Trust plantation and gradually restoring it to native British broad-leaved woodland. National Trust members are already actively supporting the work and will not have to pay to park.
The National Trust is holding three public information days to answer questions about the proposals.

- 5 June - Great Coxwell Village Hall 4-7pm
- 6 June – Badbury Hill, Car Park 11am-1pm
- 8 June – Coleshill Community Shop 6-8pm

Press contact: Katy Dunn: katy.dunn@nationaltrust.org.uk 07901 811375

FARINGDON KNIT & KNATTER LADIES COFFEE MORNING - 2/6/15
Our coffee morning is being held on Friday 5th June 2015 in the Old Town Hall between 10am and 12 noon and NOT Saturday 6th June as per the Faringdon Advertiser. Also entry is FREE.
We are raising money to fill and transport Christmas shoeboxes for Families and the Elderly in Romania, Moldova, Bulgaria and Ukraine.
Name supplied
The patient group produces regular newsletters for WHMP. The latest can be found on [http://www.whitehorsepracticeppg.org.uk/news--your-views.html](http://www.whitehorsepracticeppg.org.uk/news--your-views.html)

You can find out about: the Merger, where to get information about Dementia care, legislative changes for Carers, Pre pay prescriptions, Repeat prescriptions, Maternity services report and how to make Drs appointments online.

There's information about the practice patient group too and how you can join in.

If you prefer a paper copy of the newsletter, you can pick one up at the medical centre.

WHMP patient group

**NEW CLASS STARTING AT FARINGDON LEISURE CENTRE!** - 1/6/15

Tai chi 16 years plus
Every Thursday from June 4th 8.15pm-9.15pm With Rachel £6.50 or free for members.

Every Monday 3.15pm-4pm Student Spin Term time only 16 years plus
Starting every Wednesday- 3.15- 4pm from June 3rd at Faringdon Leisure centre Junior class 11-15yrs! £3.50 or free for Junior members. Term time only- different class every term- starting with Group cycle!

Call or pop in to book (01367) 241755