Skate Park Spring Litter Pick - 31/3/15
Meet at the entrance to Folly Park by Skatepark. Thursday 4pm.
Bring garden gloves and grabbers if you have some. Bags will be provided
We’re hoping that some of the skaters will come along, maybe their parents too.
Not the most glamorous of jobs- but it is therapeutic. Makes you feel good

VWHDC Council Tax Call Centre - 31/3/15
Has anyone tried calling the Vale of White Horse about council tax? Calls go to a call centre. I’ve just had an uninspiring call trying to change my payments to monthly. Staff bordering on aggressive, and it’s left me feeling perplexed and annoyed. Apparently I’ve missed the deadline – I had to write to them by 24 March…Who works like this? Who sets such silly rules? This is plain bonkers. The Utilities don’t operate like this, I don’t have to ask them every year to carry on supplying services as per the previous year …and they are never rude. So why should publicly-funded staff be like this - just plain rude – to us their public pay-masters? I have paid by 12 instalments every year since we’ve been allowed to - but I have task for this every year? Yes happy to if it’s a phone call or e-mail – but who has time to write? And please can we have helpful, polite staff.
Name supplied…

Health Service News. Better Care for Skin Conditions - 31/3/15
GPs in the Oxfordshire South East and South West localities are set to pilot a new service using dermatoscopes, which are devices for taking well-lit, magnified images of skin growths known as lesions. Images will be emailed securely to specialist hospital consultants who will advise GPs on treating the conditions, and whether the patient needs to be referred to hospital. This will save trips to hospital for many patients. GPs taking part in the pilot will be given training on using the new equipment this month, and the service is expected to be launched in April.
For more information contact Jackie Masters, Locality Co-ordinator email: jackie.masters@oxfordshireccg.nhs.uk

Cleaner wanted - 31/3/15
Does anyone know of any good domestic cleaners who might have some capacity to do 3 hours a week. Faringdon - Nursery View area
Name supplied.

Election debate - 31/3/15
If you want to air your views or engage in the debate leading up to the election on May 7, why not have a look at the forum established specifically for FARINGDON at https://www.facebook.com/groups/845726098828369/
Mark Harrison

Folly Fest donation - 30/3/15
I am proud and delighted to announce that the FollyFest committee voted fully in favour once again of donating £100 to the W.I to dress the War Memorial again during FollyFest to support and remember the sacrifice Faringdon's armed forces (and their families) made and continue to make for our town.
FollyFest 2015 is Friday 7th to Sunday 9th August.
Best Wishes
Mel Lane
FollyFest Chairman

Architect needed - 30/3/15
We are thinking of having a kitchen extension and refit and need the services of an architect, but we are not sure who to use / who might be good. If anyone has recently undertaken a similar project in the Faringdon area, I would be very interested to hear any recommendations anyone might have. Similarly recommendations for good builders would also be gratefully received!!
Name supplied.

Sign of Spring - 30/3/15
My pond life has emerged from hibernation. 3 clumps of spawn,16 fine frogs but sadly none of them a prince. Is this a sign of Spring or the election campaign?
Cassandra

Action for Children relaunch 1st April - 30/3/15
On 1st April, Action for Children in Conflict is becoming ACACIA UK. Acacia UK stands for Action for Children and Communities in Africa. We will be the same charity working hard, with your support, to help some of the most vulnerable children in Africa to
go to school.
We're getting excited and we want you to be a part of our re-launch. So please join us on April 1st to celebrate our new name and find out more about our projects.
Drinks, Cakes, Promotions and more
4 Cornmarket

Daffodils - 30/3/15
As I remember, Elsie Nichols, who was Town Mayor and did so much for Faringdon, organised the planting of lots of daffodils around the town.
Thank you Elsie, RIP.
Christine Moorhouse

PLAY READING - Monday 30th March, 8pm to 10pm - 30/3/15
Free - In the Old Town Hall, (building on legs in the Market Place), Faringdon.
All welcome. Just turn up and help read one of the plays Faringdon Dramatic Society is considering for a future production.
Harvey by Mary Chase
Elwood P Dowd, an endlessly pleasant and delightfully eccentric bachelor, makes friends with a spirit taking the form of a 6 foot invisible rabbit named Harvey that only he sees (and a few privileged others on occasion too). After his sister tries to commit him to a mental institution, a comedy of errors ensues.
Fiona Merrick

Litter Pick Thursday 2nd April, 4pm - 29/3/15
We're meeting at the entrance to Folly Park, near the Skate Park at 4pm. Do come and help. It's unlikely to be for more than an hour- even less time if there are lots of us.
Bring garden gloves, and grabbers, if you have them.
Bags will be provided
It would be great if some of the skatepark users (or their parents) helped out.
The whole of London Road has been done now- about 10 bags of litter were collected- mostly food and drink packaging.

Re: Daffodils - 28/3/15
They were planted by our ex mayor John Gilman who made a point of planting many bulbs at his own expense every year.
Sadly last year was the last time. I look at them as a memorial to my very good friends John and his wife Meriel.
Jane Boulton

Public Tennis Courts - 28/3/15
Are you interested in playing tennis for fun and on a casual basis without joining a club? The Faringdon public tennis court may be for you. See facebook for information
https://www.facebook.com/groups/2215583620/10152888471353621/
Carolyn Murphy

White Horse Medical Practice and Fern Hill merger News - 28/3/15
Find out about booking an appointment, dispensary times, repeat prescriptions and the change over timetable.
http://www.whitehorsepracticeppg.org.uk/projects--reports.html
Produced by WHMP patient group

Daffodils - 28/3/15
Every year the daffodils at the top of London Street lift my spirits and I thank whoever had the idea of planting them.
A lovely welcome to Faringdon.
Mary Beck

Infinity - The Broadband version - 28/3/15
Sadly well apparently not in my lifetime .... It's apparently a Cabinet Issue - No Not the Government One - The "Cabinet" is one that might suddenly appear in my road one day never - a bit like a random Tardis visit really - You can walk to the telephone exchange in a couple of hundred yards and they can get fibre cables much further up the road towards Great Coxwell - but for some bizarre reason not here in the Bermuda triangle - here in the middle of Coxwell Street - NO HOPE!
I went to see the Minister for Broadband - Ed Vaizey AKA our local current MP at his local surgery - He could not give me an answer or a reason - He delegated the response to a minion who was kind enough to tell me he could not give a reason either. I check the BT website weekly and get "The computer says NO!" - Compare the difference to an isolated cottage on that leggy thing that sticks out of the Top of Wales called the LLyn Peninsula - My 90 - 94 r old parents live in the middle of absolutely
nowhere - no commercial reason there for anyone needing Infinity Ultra Fast Broadband - But guess what - 1 phone call later my parents have INFINITY being installed at £5.85 less per month than I still have to pay for my creaking antiquated NON fast broadband connection - Apparently it is to do with infrastructure investment & local political pressure and grants ...

How do I vote Plaid Cymru in the upcoming elections in Faringdon - Wales can make it happen - Sad that the Minister for Broadband could not make it happen here in his OWN constituency - Grumpy - Hell Yes!

Teresa Reynolds

**LIVE AT THE TITHE - June 13th** - 28/3/15
Following the great success of Live At The Tithe 1 & 2 we are pleased to announce that there will be a Live At The Tithe 3! It will be held on Saturday June 13th in Great Coxwell. Entrance and parking is FREE for this wonderful family day which includes local arts, musicians, singers, dancers, artists, crafts people, and storytellers.

The evening concert (ticket only) will be held in the Tithe Barn and headlined by the fabulous Welsh singer/songwriter Martyn Joseph, supported by Dave Ellis & Boo Howard.

Find out more about the free day and the ticketed evening concert by checking the website [http://www.liveatthetithe.co.uk/](http://www.liveatthetithe.co.uk/) and by following us on facebook & twitter.

Val Sansford

**Litter Pick** - 26/3/15
On roads leading to Faringdon
Meet 28th March at 3pm in the Market Place

**Obstruction in Ferndale St** - 25/3/15
There was a huge shipping container on Ferndale St immediately opposite Goodlake Ave this morning. It was positioned so that its opening was adjacent to Oxford Architectural Antiques, so I presume it was the responsibility of the owner there. It's a massive obstruction to the road, and makes it very dangerous trying to pull out onto Ferndale St. As it is, The OAA van is also regularly obstructing the view down Ferndale St, and/or parked on double yellow lines. This causes danger on the road, and it would be useful if the owner could be more considerate when parking.

Name supplied

**Re:Costa/Aldi/Waitrose** - 26/3/15
There was a meeting between representatives of Faringdon Town Council, Great Coxwell Parish Council, Judith Heathcote (Our County Councillor) and officers from Oxfordshire CC Highways several months ago. We pointed out that the plans for the A420 could not be taken in isolation and that all the developments in the pipeline had to be considered as a whole.

They did take this on board at the time. Nothing is set in concrete though as the funding comes in the form of S106 money from the developers.

Jane Boulton

**Become a Faringdon Town Councillor** - 25/3/15
The nomination window opens today. You have until April 9th to get your nomination forms to the District Council Offices for more details see: [http://faringdontowncouncil.gov.uk/council/become-a-councillor/](http://faringdontowncouncil.gov.uk/council/become-a-councillor/)

Sally Thurston

**Missing hat** - 25/3/15
I have since been informed that my missing hat was last seen at the traffic lights in gravel walk on the crossing box and then at 6pm on the floor (24/3/15).If anyone has taken it to keep safe or just moved it about for fun please could they let me know. As it is really missed by the little boy that owned it. Tel: 07515 959227.

name supplied

**Costa/Aldi/Waitrose** - 25/3/15
I'm in favour of the new Costa/Aldi/Waitrose development but unless they change it to include a new (or rebuild the existing one) junction with A420, the traffic flow will really suffer.

Don't forget that there is an already approved application for a new estate (and a school!) on the opposite side of the Park Road, which includes adding a new mini-roundabout on Park Road. The new estate will add to daily traffic (which during the morning rush is already more than Park Road can cope with) but it will also affect traffic from A420, coming into Park Road to turn into Costa/Aldi/Waitrose - cars will have only a few hundred yards to queue before turning right to Costa etc. - and this may block A420 both ways, especially during the morning and afternoon rush hours, when Park Road is solid.

It appears that each application is considered on its own rather than being seen as a part of a bigger picture, unfortunately.

Tom Blackmoore
EASY CYCLING EVERY SUNDAY - 25/3/15
Meet at 11am under the Town Hall in the Market Place
This is cycling at a gentle pace, no-one gets left behind.
Families are most welcome, we've had 9 & 11 yr olds with us the last few weeks.
Quiet lanes around our beautiful local countryside for 10-15 miles, and often with a pub or cafe stop.
Just turn up

Saturday Market in Faringdon on 28th - 25/3/15
In the Market Square. Quirky bags will have a stall and we hope to see a lot of people.

Missing hat - 24/3/15
Just posting to see if anyone found a striped multicoloured beanie hat which was lost on the afternoon of 24th March between the Market place and Faringdon infants school. I would be grateful if you have found one if you could let me know as it has sentimental value as has been handed down through my children and was bought for them by a grandparent. And is much missed. I can be contacted on 07515 959227.
Name supplied.

Pokemon Community in Faringdon - 24/3/15
Find out about it on https://www.facebook.com/FaringdonPokemon
Richard Greenwood

A417 @ Challow - 24/3/15
Sorry to bring this up again, but it serves as a reminder to ask our politicians quite where Faringdon sits on their priorities as they come calling (or is that crawling?) over the next few months...
"DRIVERS will not have to take a 24-mile diversion around railway works in Royal Wootton Bassett after Network Rail agreed to build a temporary road."
Thomas Tankengine

Humpty Hill Appeal - 23/3/15
The hearing is now over. The inspector/adjudicator will write a report with recommendations for Oxfordshire CC to either accept or reject the application for Town Green status.. He gave no indication of timescales.
At some stage the report will be in the public domain.
Rob Stewart stated the case and questioned the objector's barrister very well. He has done a superb job in gathering the information, researching case law, writing up his/our case and then presenting at the hearing in a clear and straight forward manner.
Thankyou Rob
Ed

Design your own pennant - 23/3/15
Folly Dollies WI stall at the Saturday market this weekend will be offering the chance to design your own pennant to be sewn into the bunting which will be hung around the town during Folly Fest.
Your chance to be a part of the festivities!
Sheena Florey

1 WEEK TO GO BEFORE THE KIDS BREAK UP... - 23/3/15
Premier Sport is running its EASTER camp!
Faringdon Infant School Monday 30th - Thursday 2nd April.
We are running Multi-Activity with a wide range of sports. Dodgeball, Volleyball, Fantasy Football, Running Styles, Rounder's, Cricket, Basketball, Handball, 'On Guard' Fencing and much much more.
Prices: Full Day 9am-4:00pm £15.00  Half Day 9am-12:30pm £8.00
Extra time £5.00 if needed 8:30 start and a 4:30 finish.
Additionally we are excited to announce we have added Street Dance and Cheerleading to our Easter Camp. Monday 30 – Tuesday 31st
Cheerleading is running 9:30-12:30pm for KS1 ages 5-8. £8 a session Street Dance is running 1:00pm-4:00pm for KS2 ages 8-11. £8 a session.
Please contact myself on 07954138599 or email me for more details. http://sport.premier-education.com/

Love the Faringdon countryside? Hate the litter on the verges leading to the countryside? - 23/3/15
Be part of the solution and act now. We have a window of opportunity of a few days, before the rubbish gets buried amongst the spring vegetation.

Becky Ross, Lyn and David Williamson spent an hour on Sunday morning clearing the verges from Sudbury House towards the A420. The vast majority of rubbish was discarded food and drink packaging and cigarette packets. Notably about one third of the debris came from MacDonalds.

If it took 3 people one hour, then it should take 6 people half an hour .......and 60 people one minute.

Alun Watkins is leading another litter-pick next Saturday 28th March. Meet at the Market Place at 3pm

Dog walkers and runners can you help please?

Lyn Williamson

Anne Dowell - 21/3/15
I would like to thank all of Anne Dowell’s friends for all the lovely cards and get well wishes since she has been in hospital. She had a stroke on 22nd February and is still in Gloucester Royal hospital. She is waiting for a bed to become available at the JR. Recovery will take a long time, but with all your good wishes and prayers I am sure she will make a good recovery. Thankyou all from the bottom of my heart.

Gordon Dowell

Elections 2015 - your step-by-step guide - 21/3/15
With the 2015 elections just around the corner, it’s time to make sure you are ready to cast your votes.

This May, if you are aged 18 or over, you will be able to have your say in parliamentary and district council elections and, depending on where in South Oxfordshire you live, you could also be able to vote in town or parish council elections.


VE Day (8th May) beacon - 21/3/15
I saw this link on the Folly Radio email today, and what a great idea this could be up on the Folly Hill to remember VE Day.


Paul Constable

re- dog mess - 21/3/15
The dog mess that was also left in my front garden and ended up over my children playing outside and has also previously gone over my shoes and legs whilst cutting the grass, has left me with the same displeasure as irate name supplied. Yes, they certainly will be wearing it if I catch them. See how they like it.

Grumpy Old man

Dog Mess - 20/3/15
To the person(s) who allowed there large dog to leave a pile of dog’s mess on my front lawn early this morning. A word of warning, if I catch you, you will be wearing it.

You are disgusting.

Irate Name Supplied

Re: SODC & VWHDC moving to Milton Park - 19/3/15
I hope the highways & planning departments have moved there as well, that way they can see what effect adding lots of housing without improving the roads have whilst they sit in the traffic jams with everyone else trying to get in or out of Didcot.

Thomas TankEngine

A new home for South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse District Councils - 18/3/15
South Oxfordshire and the Vale of White Horse District Councils have agreed a deal to move into 135 Milton Park.


Thames Valley Police survey - 18/3/15
It’s about how you’d like to contact them- phone, text, face to face etc

https://www.neighbourhoodalert.co.uk/9D0E6072-5AA0-4C49-A713-9F906EC52602/QuickRegister

You can respond anonymously

Ed

FARINGDON TWINNING QUIZ NIGHT.Friday 20th March - 18/3/15
Always a friendly, interesting and challenging quiz
7 for 7.30 at Catholic Church hall (behind Budgens car park)
£10 for team of 4, but we can make up teams on the night
Drinks and snacks - donations welcomed to support Youth Twinning events
email Faringdontwinning@gmail.com or 01367 241893
or just turn up!

Cakes at the Folly - 17/3/15
The Nasio Trust will once again be selling CAKES at the bottom of the Folly Tower on Open Days (1st and 3rd Sundays April to October).
Climb the tower, eat cake and make a donation to help The Nasio Trust complete and equip its first Medical Centre in rural Western Kenya.
The Nasio Trust supports nearly 400 children living in deep poverty in Western Kenya. Many have lost their parents to the HIV pandemic. The Nasio Trust provides them with meals, education, medical treatment, clothing and opportunities to play as well as learn.
The new medical centre will provide accessible health-care to this extremely vulnerable community.
Jane Rennells
Volunteer
Ed: 1st 2015 tower opening is Easter Sunday, 5th April

Thankyou - 17/3/15
I would like to thank the Faringdon Cobblers for the great job they did in engraving the medals for Buscot Park Archers.
Anne-Marie Wright

Community Ball date for your diary - 17/3/15
The Faringdon Community Ball will be held on Saturday 21st November 2015 at The Sudbury House. Further details to follow.
paul.brame@virgin.net

Scouts Barn Dance - thankyou - 16/3/15
Thank you so much to everyone who attended, organised, ran, played at, sold tickets, took phone calls, donated advertising, opened up, closed down, tidied up, baked lovely cakes, donated raffle prizes, ran bars and sat down happy and exhausted after 1st Faringdon Scouts’ Barn Dance this past Saturday. We had a great attendance and the dance floor was full to capacity for each of the fabulous dances played so beautifully by Horseplay. It was a brilliant evening and we hope to do it again next year.
With raffle, entry tickets and tea and cake sales we raised about £200 for Scouting in Faringdon, so once again, thank you!
Faith Carpenter

RE Aldi & Waitrose & Costa - 16/3/15
Personally I feel that this is actually a good thing for Faringdon and support it. Granted the drive through Costa seems a bit overkill but the Costa in town gets quite a lot of use and the staff are always helpful and polite. The area of land does need development and this proposal looks quite a good idea for the area. I am more in favour of it if the plans include sorting out better exiting out onto the A420. In the mornings it gets a bit clogged up getting out of Faringdon.
An Aldi & Waitrose will be great to use and having it on the outskirt of the town is the right place that kind of thing. In the town you need more personalised shops not supermarkets.
Name Supplied

Lost ring:- 16/3/15
My daughter lost a ring up near the folly a couple of weeks ago, I wondered if the 1 found was hers?
Caroline Webb

Outline Planning permission Aldi & Waitrose & Costa - 16/3/15
Well we knew the town would hit problems as soon as Tesco got the go ahead to build away from the centre, it happens all over the country so no great surprise. The loss of Barclays has had an impact as well. We are now in a situation though where the car parks can't take the number of potential shoppers and visitors anyway as the houses and cars have increased so much. I couldn't park in either car park on Friday as both were full so I headed up to Costcutter. I think the town centre ones were extra busy due to a funeral but it shows that we need more car parking. What a pity the big car park in Gloucester Street didn't happen, a supermarket there was turned down in favour of Tesco out of town.
Unless people can park in the town centre they won't bother coming which is why towns like Wantage are suceeding. A council run car park and two big supermarket car parks just a minutes walk away from the market place has really seen Wantage perk up. It was buzzing yesterday afternoon.
As for the proposed Aldi, Waitrose and drive through Costa on the 4&20 site I really don't think they'll bother the town centre. The shops will be very small and are obviously aimed at passing trade. Between Oxford and Swindon the only place to stop for a quick snack is McDonalds in Watchfield. People in Faringdon will need to drive to get to this site anyway. If I'm getting in the car to go food shopping why bother to go to a tiny shop with a small range of goods? I'm driving anyway, I'll carry on and head to Wantage or Abingdon.

Name supplied

Public Enquiry Humpty Hill - 15/3/15
The Public Inquiry will start at 10 am on Monday 16th March 2015 in Sudbury House Hotel, 56 London St, Faringdon, Oxfordshire SN7 7AA and continue until 27th March 2015 (excluding weekend), unless there is insufficient business. If those days prove to be insufficient, a further session or sessions will be arranged as necessary.
Notice and map can be found on http://faringdontowncouncil.gov.uk/council/news/

The Inspector will hold daily sessions of the Public Inquiry between 10 am and 1 pm (approximately) and 2 pm (approximately) and 5 pm and an evening session may be held from 6pm to 8:30pm on the first or subsequent days of the Inquiry session at the direction of the Inspector following a request from the Applicant or the Principal Objectors. Members of the public who are neither witnesses for the Applicant nor Principal Objectors may give evidence at the discretion of the Inspector and are invited to make themselves known at an early stage in the Public Inquiry either to the Inspector or to the County Council representative attending the Public Inquiry.

Outline Planning permission Aldi & Waitrose & Costa - 14/3/15
Are we trying to stop all footfall in Faringdon?
Tescos already has had an impact on the town, I am not saying that some people would like the proposed shops Aldi and Waitrose, they will take more trade from the town and having a drive through Costa Coffee when we have one at the garage and in town seems a bit over the top. We should be supporting the shops in town not move everything onto the edge.
Name supplied

Ring found - 14/3/15
We found a ring on the path while walking round the Folly Friday March 6th pm
If you think it's yours, contact me via the website
Name Supplied

Starting tomorrow in The Crows' Nest at The Rookery: 13/3/15
Alan Glasspool: New and Earlier Works,
An exhibition of both new and retrospective paintings, drawings and prints.
The Rookery, Arthurs Hill, 35 Marlborough Street, Faringdon, SN7 7JL, 01367 242030
www.therookery.me.uk
www.alanglasspool.com
Mon - 10-4.30; Tues - 9.30-5.30; Weds - 10-4; Thurs - Closed; Fri - 9-8; Sat - 9.30-6.30; Sun - 10-4
Shane Evans

Student bus pass found - 13/3/15
Emily Fs found nr Motorist shop. . Contact this website
Ed

Updates - 13/3/15
I think I've caught up now. But maybe you know different- if yes do email me.
I've updated Whats on, ForSale/wanted, News and Views and some other bits and pieces.
Ed

Housing design guide - 13/3/15
VWHDC have produced a design guide for housing developers.
A new guide has been launched by Vale of White Horse District Council to help ensure that new homes and developments are well designed to maintain the quality of life for people living and working in the district.
The Vale of White Horse Design Guide sets out clear principles to guide the design of future development within the district and aims to inspire designers to rise to the challenge of delivering sustainable high quality, well designed buildings, streets and
spaces that are in keeping with the character of the Vale environment.


Ever hopeful

**Outline Planning- Aldi, Waitrose, Costa** - 13/3/15

Outline application (all matters reserved except highway access) for two class A1 retail stores, Class A5 drive thru coffee shop, coach parking, car parking, access, drainage, landscaping and associated works, on land by A420. [http://www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/java/support/Main.jsp?MODULE=ApplicationDetails&REF=P15/V0394/O](http://www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/java/support/Main.jsp?MODULE=ApplicationDetails&REF=P15/V0394/O)

Plans show and Aldi, Waitrose and Costa.

**To: Moral Dilemma** - 13/3/15

Thank you for the kind words.

No we did not undercharge you for the monitor.

We try to find the best products for the most cost effective price. In your case we found a great deal.

Raoul.

Quidne IT Ltd.
Tel: 01367 700092

**Community Policing**


Maybe of interest to readers of this site:

**Anti-social behaviour (ASB)**

Faringdon has had a problem with a small number of persistent offenders committing ASB particularly in the town centre. This continues to be tackled by the team. The team is working hard on bringing this issue to a close and we will be bringing you further updates next month. It is important that the community and the police work together to tackle this issue. If you witness any ASB please call us on 101, and make a note of who is involved, what they look like and what they were doing.

**Community Speed Watch**

The team are currently looking for volunteers to help with the Community Speed Watch programme. Volunteers have been forthcoming but, if possible, we would like some more volunteers from **Faringdon and surrounding villages**. Volunteers will be able to use a speed indication device to monitor specific roads that have been highlighted by the various communities as having a speeding problem. Eight Speed Watches have been carried out by the team at various locations over the past few months with varying results.

Thames Valley police

**New Zumba class** - 13/3/15

The Corn Exchange, Cornmarket, Faringdon, Oxfordshire SN7 7JA
Starting on Wednesday 15th April 2015 Wednesdays 9.45am - 10.30am
£4.5 per session or £12 - 3 sessions
[Zumba_Faringdon@outlook.com](mailto:Zumba_Faringdon@outlook.com)
[www.facebook.com/EugenieZumba](http://www.facebook.com/EugenieZumba)

Come and join Zumba®, unlike a dance class, you can't get it wrong. There's no right, there's no left, there's no right, there's no wrong, there's only fun! We shake and shimmy, we get fit and keep active in the process. You don't need to be a dancer, or coordinated in anyway to still get a great workout. But you will also be challenged by some new steps and get your brain working.

I use a lot of Latin music, but I also love to include lots of other international rhythms and even chart music. My goal is to make you smile and make you sweat - because that's what we believe makes a great Zumba Fitness® class.

Eugenie

**THE FIRE FIGHTERS CHARITY NATIONAL CAR WASH 2015** - 12/3/15

Help your local fire fighters make a splash at Tesco!
Let's face it, washing the car is nobody's favourite job. So why not take the hassle out of it and head on down to Tesco Faringdon between 10am-4pm for the National Car Wash, raising vital funds for The Fire Fighters Charity?

On Saturday, 28th March 2015, fire fighters up and down the country will be on hand to make your car sparkle. Your valued donations will go towards The Fire Fighters Charity – the leading provider of support and rehabilitation to the fire and rescue community.

Tesco Faringdon have kindly agreed to let us use the car park for this year's event where there will be fire fighters on-hand to give fire safety advice throughout the day and we hope to have our ever-popular fire fighter helmets available to buy for the kids too!

Please spread the word and we look forward to seeing you on the 28th!!

**Grand Jumble Sale, Saturday 14th March at 11am at Faringdon Corn Exchange.** - 12/3/15
50p admission. Plus tombola, cakes, bric a brac, toys, white elephant stall.
All proceeds to Wiltshire Air Ambulance.

**Updates to this site being done** - 12/3/15
I've been away- have caught up a bit- more to be done- probably by end of tomorrow
Ed

**Is Budgens closing?** - 12/3/15
Not as far as I know, just a change.
But another part of old Faringdon is, the Nut Tree.
A small cave of delights comes to an end, it has been for us a wonderful establishment with an eclectic mixture of goods, we will miss it.
But hey, look on the bright side! It could become another Charity Shop!!
Mike Perks

**Dogs Mess AGAIN** - 12/3/15
To the person(s) who are picking up there dogs mess from the alleyway in Chestnut Avenue in black bags.
You have almost got it right but not quite yet.NOW YOU ARE SUPPOSED TO PUT THE FILLED BLACK BAGS IN A BIN AND NOT LEAVE THEM IN A HEAP IN THE ALLEYWAY.
Not too difficult is it
Name supplied

**Jewellery found** - 11/3/15
I have found a small pouch containing some jewellery in Folly Park by the lake, I was wondering if you could announce this on the website? It is costume jewellery and I wouldn't think of any great value but could be valuable to the owner.
Name Supplied
ED(GW) Email this site if you think it's your and I'll contact the person who posted the message

**Re- Budgens - is it closing down?** - 9/3/15
No.
Budgens Employee

**Moral Dilemma** - 6/3/15
Yesterday morning my computer monitor seemed to be sulking . So I took it to QuidneIT where Raoul made me sit down then told me, very sympathetically, that it was very much like the parrot belonging to John Cleese....It was dead.
This afternoon he brought me a replacement and installed it.
He told me what I owed him and I paid him what he asked of course.
Raoul's charges are always very reasonable but in this case I'm sure he undercharged me by quite a lot
My problem ?
Should I tell him ?
Name Supplied

**Box Fit Thursdays from 23 April at the Leisure Centre** - 4/3/15
Come and join us for a fun fitness circuit with a Boxing theme.
A workout that tones the whole body, all abilities welcome
11am – 12pm (Crèche available) £2.50
FREE to Leisure Centre Members
Faringdon Leisure Centre, SN7 7LB
**Rumour - Budgens** - 3/3/15
Is it closing down?
Name supplied

**Teenagers** - 3/3/15
I would have reported an incident to the police about these youths had they not scared my wife to the point of tears. It was an incident where they were dashing across the road on purpose to halt traffic and throwing abuse at drivers and frightening their passengers. Well next time this driver won't stop he will run the blond gobby one over and take one of his sidekicks too. This town needs rid this nuisance before more come into the town.
The police just try and be best friends with them instead of taking the matter seriously by arrest and charge.
Angry patron

**Considerate driver- thankyou** - 3/3/15
It's nice to see there are some very considerate drivers out today in Faringdon as during one of my driving lessons today we managed to make a right dogs dinner of the roundabout at the end of Coxwell Street and failed to give way to the driver coming from the right who had to make a rather quick stop...this driver gave my pupil all the time to get the car going again after it had stalled and move off from half way around the roundabout...all credit to him as it helped reduce the fear of panic in my pupil who was able to compose herself and not have her confidence destroyed by someone who might have acted differently.....normally I'm quick at preventing this by encouraging all pups to look ahead, anticipate and plan.....today was an error on both our parts with the shared responsibility that instructor and pupil have ....once again apologies to the driver who was so considerate.
Allan absbm

**If all these new houses get built will we get our police station back?** - 3/3/15
A lot of the things that seem to upset people on here, bad parking, dog mess, bad behaviour etc. - seem to be on the increase because those concerned have little chance of being caught & so the risk is worth taking, almost to the point of there being no risk.
Name Supplied

**Help!** - 3/3/15
Can anyone recommend a TV/recorder repairer in the local area ?

HGM

**Ukeles wanted** - 3/3/15
New ukelele group starting at the Catholic church.
If anyone has an old, unwanted uke they're willing to donate or barter, please contact .
dllm.williamson@btinternet.com

**Re: Market Place Anti Social Behaviour** - 3/3/15
...... and to add to my previous point of view, I see, tonight, that the Portwell Diver has now been graffiti-ed!!!!!!!!
Name supplied

**Re: Unruly Teenage problem** - 3/3/15
We, too, have been experiencing several issues spanning at least a year now. We kindly ask all those that have crossed the path of this nuisance minority to please report it to the Police tel: 101 logging the complaint. More loggings will result in more Police Action and the need for the Town Council to resolve this negativity for Faringdon.
Let's get Faringdon back to where it used to be.
Name Supplied

Your Town needs you – If you care about Faringdon and would like to be involved in council and community issues then please stand for council and become part of making a difference!
As part of Faringdon Town Council you will be the voice of the Towns people by representing their views. As well as ensuring the Towns wishes are voiced at other levels of government the council provides many local services which include several venues and open spaces as well as the Community and Tourist Information Centre, Cinema, Christmas Lights and Faze Youth Centre. These services are operated by 5 different committees: Venues, Recreation and Open Spaces, Youth Services, Planning and Highways, Finance and Working Parties. The Town Council also acts as a statutory consultee for all planning applications in Faringdon and provides grants to local organisations. Our Town Clerk, Sally Thurston, is happy to meet with
prospective candidates and talk through what being a councillor involves. Please contact her on 01367 240281 or sally@fairingdowntowncouncil.gov.uk for an appointment.

More information and how to stand on http://fairingdowntowncouncil.gov.uk/become-a-town-councillor/

Re: Teenage Gangs - 2/3/15
There were 2 lads running up Marlborough St yesterday grabbing rubbish bags put out for collection and chucking them all over the place. My friend tried to stop them and grabbed a camera to photo them but they ran away up Gravel Walk.
I also have problems with school children who have fun ripping the mains electrical cable off the wall and swinging on it, one day they'll rip it right out of the wall and I dread to think of the consequences.
I'm also on my 4th doorbell in 10 years as on their way to/back from school they stub their cigarettes out on the bell push. Why?
Green Witch

Teenage Gang .. - 2/3/15
Has anyone else noticed the increase in teenagers who gather in the Town Centre every evening ??
I dont have a problem with them meeting and hanging out together , after all this is what the town is for ..
I do have a problem with them throwing litter everywhere , chip wrappers and drink bottles every night , i have observed them throwing their litter on the ground on many occasions ..
Also the other evening running about all over the road chasing eachother and bringing all the traffic to a stand several times .. I even saw one of them trying to pull the electric cable off the side of the piano shop whilst the others watched and laughed .. It is vandalism and anti social .... And always the same group ..
They also gather in the back of the church yard and jumping on the tomb stones , most of these stones are quite old and fragile and easily damaged ... Its a shame that they are being ruined by a few mindless people ..
Name Supplied

Hustings for Business - 2/3/15
The Faringdon Chamber of Commerce is pleased to present a special “hustings for business” to be held on Monday 9th March at 7pm. Sudbury House
Come and hear what local and national policies the various political parties standing for election in May have for businesses and what they will be doing to promote commercial activity. Be it business rates, broadband or red tape, now is your chance to influence the policy makers. We have representatives from all five political parties standing in our constituency or seeking election to the local district council.
The event is free and open to all, but places will be limited. Drinks and nibbles will be provided. Please call 07971 512794 for more details or e-mail president@fairingdonchamberofcommerce.co.uk

OCC Transport strategy - 1/3/15
When you fill in the form asking for your opinion you can mention the fact that we need better access onto the A420 from The Great Coxwell slip road and transport to Witney and Abingdon.
Old Faringdonian.