

## News and Views August 2016

### Oxford County Council - considering the sale of their buildings - 30/8/16

<http://linkis.com/GXBxY>

### Agatha Crusty and the Village Hall Murders A comedy by Derek Webb - 29/8/16

Monday 5th September

READTHROUGH: 8:00 - 10:00pm

United Reform Church, Coxwell Street, Faringdon (limited parking behind the church).

Faringdon Dramatic Society's Next Production

For anyone interested in getting involved with drama in some way, come along to the following and talk to us.

You don't have to act to be involved – you can direct, design and build set, stage manage, do lighting, producing, make up, sound, publicity, music, wardrobe ... anything but act!

See our website for more details <http://www.faringdondramatic.org.uk/archives2010/Agatha-Crusty/index.htm>

### Oxfordshire Restaurant awards - 28/8/16

Vote for your favourite Faringdon Restaurant - La Bobina, Snooty Mehman, Magnolia Brasserie, Restaurant 56 (from among many others across Oxfordshire)

<http://www.oxfordshirerestaurantawards.co.uk/vote.html>

### Give Blood in Faringdon - 27/8/16

22nd and 27th September. Corn Exchange

<https://my.blood.co.uk/>

### Ambrose Slade/Slade- 25/8/16

They were only Ambrose Slade for less than a year. What they need for Don Powell's website is the date.

Chris Selby complies the list for Don and said this when I posted the question - Ambrose Slade only existed between January and October 1969 that might narrow the date down..the skinhead image came in October 1969'

So Jim, if they were skinheads is was October 1969!

Val Sansford

### Tesco Bags of Help Fund- 25/8/16

<https://data.groundwork.org.uk/civicism/ mailing/view?reset=1&id=887>

The rules have changed.

In order to give Tesco customers a say much more frequently on where their money goes, as of today the Tesco Bags of Help grant scheme will now be permanently open for applications from community groups!

There are also a number of other exciting changes to the scheme.

Bags of Help will now see the money raised by the 5p bag charge in Tesco stores in England, Wales and Scotland opened up to a greater range of projects that support community participation in the development and use of open spaces.

Projects that will now get the green light as a result of the funding will include volunteer training, physical improvements of open spaces, equipment purchases, community events and sports and leisure activities.

Following a public vote, three projects in each of the 200 Tesco regions will receive a grant each month, with first place receiving up to £5K, second place up to £2K and third place up to £1K.

Please spread this exciting news and apply now!

### Consultation. Oxfordshire carers and personal budgets strategy - 25/8/16

<https://consult.oxfordshireccg.nhs.uk/consult.ti/CarersandPB/consultationHome>

Deadline 14/11/16

Joint consultation which has two parts. Part 1 is about the Oxfordshire Carers' Strategy and Part 2 is about the proposed options for carers' personal budgets. We are keen to hear your views, comments and ideas about both parts of this consultation, as your views on the Oxfordshire Carers' Strategy and the options for carers' personal budgets will influence our future decision-making.

Dates From **24 Aug 2016 at 00:00** to **14 Nov 2016 at 23:59**. The results will be published by **02 Feb 2017**.

Consultation Topic: Families, Older people, Carers

Consultation for:Oxford City, North Oxfordshire, North East Oxfordshire, South West Oxfordshire, South East Oxfordshire, West Oxfordshire

Target Audience:All residents, Families and parents, Older people, Carers, GPs, People with a disability, Councillors

**The handfasting of Chris Park and Sushi at Acorn Education Watchfield Oxon SN6 8TH - 25/8/16**

This Sunday past the handfasting of Chris Park and Sushi occurred at Acorn Education in Watchfield in the presence of many witnesses. Reverend Nick Woodley officiated and led celebrations at the couple's party. Participants came from far and wide including members of the local pagan community and representatives from the Order of Bards Ovates and Druids including chief of the order Philip Carr Gomm and his partner. The couple had a wonderful reception and Chris now has four wonderful daughters.

Yours,  
Mr. Marc Damien Rhodes-Taylor

**Tlc for Central Heating-** 25/8/16

My central heating system needs a bit of TLC. I am sure all the local heating engineers are Gas Safe Registered, efficient, reliable, friendly, reasonably priced and come when they say they'll come. But if any readers can recommend any particular one, apart from one of their friends or families I'd appreciate it  
HGM

**Ambrose Slade** - 25/8/16

Ambrose Slade ceased in 1970 to just Slade, they did play Corn exchange as a commitment to contract they already had in place.

I have that on very good authority if it helps, I originally came from Walsall and saw the band many times from the late 60s until current line up. We used to also see them in their local The Trumpet in Bilston where they would often jam with local jazz boys with a few beers.

Hope this information resolves you questions keep on rockin  
Kevin Williams

**Esso** - 25/8/16

Could it be that people fill up here because to drive to Carterton uses fuel! Equals pennies, equals more expense. If you are out and about fine, but not special journey surely.

Sylvia Bowley

**Re: Slade.** - 25/8/16

Just to get your facts right. Brian May was scheduled to give the U3A a talk, and we were all very excited. However he decided to let us down big time, and at very short notice.

Sylvia Bowley

**Boy Racers-** 24/8/16

Unfortunately Faringdon Town Council have no powers to address speeding or speed limits. Any offences or concerns should be reported to the police.

You could also raise your complaint with the Faringdon Traffic Advisory Committee. This is a joint committee between the police, County Council, District Council and Justice of the Peace. They discuss anything traffic related in Faringdon. Meetings are public and residents are encouraged to share concerns. the next meeting is 16/12/2016 @ 9.30am in the Old Town Hall. Please contact my colleague Hilary Sherman by emailing [hilary@faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:hilary@faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk) or calling 01367 240281

If any residents have any concerns that they think the Town Council may be able to help with please email us. We may not directly be responsible but we may be able to raise concerns on your behalf or direct you to those who are responsible.

Sally Thurston - Town Clerk [sally@faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:sally@faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk)

**Democracy in UK-** 23/8/16

The UK first past the post voting system does not make it easy to change political parties in safe seat constituencies. eg here. It's only in the marginal seats that true democracy works. Proportional representation would resolve this- but we/the UK voted against it a few years ago.

Name Supplied

**Mr Cox again** - 23/8/16

For almost as long as I have been in Faringdon people have been complaining that Mr Cox does not represent Faringdon. However it does not matter to him as he knows as a Conservative councillor he will be re-elected again so why should he care. I think that even if a donkey stood as a Conservative it would get in here. If you want things to change then come the next election you need to vote for someone who will do their best for Faringdon not what is best for them. That may go across party lines

Owen Brazell

**SLADE**- 23/8/16

I really can't remember the year, but they were definitely calling themselves Ambrose Slade and it was in the main hall, as a drummer I remember having a quick chat with Dave Powell when they took a break in the small hall ....on the subject of famous people performing at the corn exchange I understand that the great Queen guitarist Brian May once gave a talk to the members of the Faringdon U3A about a stereoscopic postcard book he had written about Longworth....and of course Kate Bush filmed her video for Cloudbusting up on White horse hill along with Donald Sutherland.....anymore?

Jim Horton.

**District Councillor** - 23/8/16

Faringdon had every opportunity to get rid of Cllr Roger Cox at the last election. He never seems to support Faringdon.

Folks should take more interest in elections when they are voting

Name supplied

**Re: Boy Racers**- 23/8/16

If the Police could once in a while to do random speed checks, I could guarantee that they would see their 'performance' between 11.20 and 11.40 pm, pretty much any night of the week in Coxwell St. They're just saddo kids, with nothing better to occupy their minds.

Personally, I'm equally concerned about the idiots that speed down the road at any time of the day. I've nearly been hit from behind twice, by the same lady, when I've slowed down to park my car in Coxwell Street. She swerved and went into the path of oncoming traffic - thankfully there was no-one there. If there had been, that would have resulted in one of them mounting the pavement. One day, something awful is going to happen - little children walk with their parents along Cowell St to go to school, Faringdon College students walk along the pavement - do we really have to have an injured (or worse) child before Faringdon Council will open their eyes and consider doing something about this? I won't hold my breath - I know people have made lots of representations to them about this, which have been roundly ignored as it doesn't affect them. I am so frightened that one day we will have a mangled child, due to people's lack of respect for speed limits.

Name Supplied

**Slade in Faringdon**- 23/8/16

Yes they definitely played in The Corn Exchange, I was there and I am 99.9% sure it was in the main hall. Good night as I recall. I never knew they were called Ambrose Slade. Not so sure about the date but I don't think it was as late as 1971, more like 1970.

Margaret Haddon

**Slade in Faringdon**- 22/8/16

Jim, try and remember, I'd love to know! They were Ambrose Slade until late 1969 and Slade after that so if you definitely remember them being Ambrose Slade then it would have been late 60's.

Somebody must remember the date! I know if I'd have seen Noddy in Faringdon I'd never have forgotten ;- ) Val

**Buses to Wantage**- 22/8/16

Great service between 07.45 and 19.00 ish. Roughly every hour.

Not being used much at the moment, it seems.

Use it or lose it

Name Supplied

**Slade in Faringdon**- 22/8/16

Yes Slade did perform at the Corn exchange, but as Ambrose Slade, they were dressed up in skin head clothes, and very loud, from memory I think it was about 1971, I well remember being there and it turned out to be a very good night..still have the ringing in my ears!!!.

Jim Horton.

**Did Slade perform in Faringdon?**- 22/8/16

Well I've always been told that they did, late 60's I guess. People have told me they were there but I've never seen any photo's or reports etc.

I still follow what's going on with them although only two of them still perform as Slade, Dave & Don (can't imagine Slade without Noddy though!). Don Powell lists all of the gigs he's played since 1963-current on his website. Unless it's been added recently the Faringdon one isn't there and I know that if anybody can tell him the exact date he'll add it.

Somebody mentioned that they played in the smaller hall, the one where the council offices were until recently rather than in the main hall. Val

**Re: Did Slade perform in Faringdon?- 22/8/16**

Andrew, I have previously heard the rumour that they played at the Corn Exchange. There is an irony if it is true. At one time Slade were considered to be one of the loudest bands in the world. These days you can't run around the Corn Exchange with a balloon on stick with setting off the noise limiter!

David Reynolds

**re: Work on the pavement along Park Road.- 22/8/16**

Can any one confirm that the work on Park Road just past the petrol station is to be finished before Schools start up again? At the moment with the traffic being significantly less in the morning the alterations are not too much of a hassle however I can see it becoming quite an issue soon.

Re the price of fuel at the Esso it has been a regular feature to this forum. Personally the only reason to stop there is the cash machine, Greggs or Subway. Rip off fuel pricing. Even BP down the road is better!

Rob Perkins

**Did Slade perform in Faringdon? - 22/8/16**

Is it true or a myth that the band Slade were booked to play in Faringdon (?Corn Exchange) before they became famous, and went on to play the gig even though they had by then had a couple of big hits?

Andrew Edgington

**66 Bus timetable changes - 22/8/16**

On 7th August a revised Stagecoach route 66 timetable was introduced. Unfortunately there is much confusion for intending passengers as some bus stops have incorrect timetables on display. The errors seems to be mainly on Oxford bound journeys, where after 1052 the service is shown as only being hourly on weekdays until 1542. This is incorrect and the basic service is still every half hour, with extra journeys in the rush hour. I have advised Stagecoach of this problem.

Marcus Laphorn

**RE- Boy racers- 21/8/16**

best thing is to film any anti social driving/speeding on your phone and email it to the Police. Then hopefully they can act on the evidence. Last time I saw these drivers acting like twonks. I, unfortunately didn't have my phone on me. Next time I hopefully will.

Regards

Grumpy Old Man

**RE.BOY RACERS- 21/8/16**

these youngsters pass there driving test and think there the best drivers in the world..they think its clever to drive fast around the town centre..only a matter of time till there in the ditch or knocking a pensioner over.

name supplied

**Rowing the River Thames. Break the record - 21/8/16**

On Saturday 17th September 2016, at 16:50 Naomi Riches MBE and Paralympic Gold Medalist will start her latest challenge – to set a new Guinness World Record as the fastest woman to row down the River Thames in a single scull... 165 miles from Lechlade Halfpenny Bridge to Gravesend....Come and join the crowd to cheer Naomi on her way, from 4.00pm at the event organised in Lechlade by Faringdon Rotary Club.

<https://www.facebook.com/thegreatthamesrow2016>

<http://www.tgtr2016.org.uk/>

**DOES COUNCILLOR COX REPRESENT FARINGDON?- 20/8/16**

Well as he also said yes to Fernham Fields despite much opposition then I think the answer is no.

I would love him to be up here during the day when the school is open. The traffic and parking is horrendous but of course none of that affects him. They can do all the surveys they like but the impact of these houses will be dramatic.

I tried talking to him once about Fernham Fields but I was brushed aside, my thoughts didn't matter. All he replied was that he could see no reason not to be in favour. As I remember it the town council objected to that application as well.

Of course this opened the flood gates for all the applications in the area and I bet he'll want those as well.

We had a chance of change at the last election and didn't take it. Hopefully next time we'll end up with somebody who does listen. Bit late sadly for the open spaces in Faringdon, there are few left now.

Name supplied

### Parent and Toddler group - 20/8/16

Hi im running a Parent baby and toddler group every fortnight in the corn exchange. The next session is Thursday September the 1st then every fortnight after. 930 until 11.

Entry is £3 a parent/carer and child plus £2 every extra child.

Snack of fresh fruit and a drink is provided in the entry price.

Emma Stallard

### Boy racers - 19/8/16

Can you please tell me why young boys feel the need to race round in their cars at all hours of the day and night? It seems to be a race track circuit of Park Road/Coxwell Street/Marlborough Gardens. Just when you want a quiet afternoon/evening/weekend that peace is spoiled by the revs and exhaust 'pops' (don't know the proper name for it!) of their boy racer antics.

The main culprits drive a red Vauxhall Corsa and a turquoise Honda Civic. Not sure what they gain out of it...I'm certainly not impressed.....

Does anyone else find this annoying?

Name Supplied

### Park Road Esso.- 19/8/16

Why do people stop and fill up here as its 10p a litre more here than in Carterton?

And regarding Councillor Cox, I doubt it that he is serving Faringdon's interests at all.

Colin Eddy

### Can you help? Faringdon Country Market - 19/6/16

It is having difficulties finding enough people to be in the kitchen to serve coffee, tea and soft drinks to our customers at the Corn Exchange. If you could spend up to 90 minutes, from 09.15, to do this some Friday mornings, please contact me at the Market or on [pepperdee@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:pepperdee@hotmail.co.uk)

### DOES COUNCILLOR COX REPRESENT FARINGDON.- 18/8/16

On 17th August the VOWH Planning Committee considered the application for 25 dwellings in Fernham Road.

Councillor Cox spoke at the meeting to support the application, despite the Town Councils previous written objection to the proposal. Is this how a councilor should represent his Ward?

Name supplied.

### National Citizen Service Swimathon- 18/8/16

This summer we've been part of a four week NCS programme, which is a government run project aiming to engage young people with their communities. Our group is the Witney group which consists of 13 young people aged 16-17 from various locations and backgrounds in Oxfordshire. **We are planning to raise money for Faringdon Day Centre, which is a local care home for the elderly.** We think that by getting involved in fundraising activities and planning a social action project, we can hopefully raise as much awareness and money for this charity. This project has helped to give us a better understanding of how to plan and organise events as well as give us an insight into how we could directly improve our local community.

Young people have many reasons for signing up to NCS. For example, we signed up because we thought that it would be an interesting and enjoyable experience during our long and otherwise tedious summer. We spent our first week at Yenworthy in North Devon, taking part in activities such as kayaking and surfing, as well as rock climbing and other team building activities. This was challenging for us, and pushed us all out of our comfort zone because we were all a bunch of strangers stuck together in the middle of nowhere. The second week was spent in Oxford at the Hill End Centre, camping together for another five days. We learnt vital skills for our future, as well as bonding together as a group.

The aim of the third and fourth weeks is to give back to our community and learn to work together as part of a team towards a goal. Our specific goal is to raise funds and awareness for the charitable organisation of our choice. This week is focused on the organisation of fundraising events and bringing together our ideas. So far, we have organised two bake sales and a 10km swim-a-thon in which we will all take part in. We've had an interview with the local newspaper, The Witney Gazette, and also contacted other local newspapers and radio stations in order to gain publicity.

In the eye of the public, young adults are often seen in a negative light. However, by doing this project and helping our community as much as we can, we can hopefully show that young adults are willing to be proactive and to get involved in the future of their local towns.

You can sponsor us at: <https://www.gofundme.com/2jswmfdw> or the [form here](#)

### **10k Swim-A-Thon Wednesday 24th August -18/8/16**

Windrush Leisure Centre, Witney, 9am-1pm

It is a sponsored event and you can sponsor us at: <https://www.gofundme.com/2jswmfdw>

The event is one of our main ways of fundraising for the Faringdon Day Centre, our chosen charity, which provide support for the elderly and is especially important to them as they are able to receive entertainment instead of staying isolated at home. The centre has funding from the OCC until September 2017 and through our fundraising events, we want to ensure that the cuts won't have a devastating impact on the centre itself.

You can contact us on this email or at [ncswitney4@gmail.com](mailto:ncswitney4@gmail.com)

Funds in aid of: All funds and all donations or sponsors will go to the Faringdon Day Centre

### **Kung Fu Panda TODAY Weds 17th August!- 17/8/16**

The Regent Cinema @ The Corn Exchange, Faringdon will be screening:

"Kung Fu Panda 3" (PG)

Doors 1.30pm, film 2.00 pm Tickets AVAILABLE ON THE DOOR £4 Adults, £3 U18s, £10 Family

All sweets, popcorn, icecreams top

FREE squash

Enquiries: 01367 242191

Faringdon Information Centre

The Pump House, Market Square

### **Ferndale School for Sale - 17/8/16**

Sadly Ferndale Prep School is for Sale following the appointment of Administrators

<http://www.propertyplot.co.uk/pdf/129+3832.pdf>

John Payne

### **Re web link to latest Wicklesham Quarry update - 16/8/16**

Apologies if you followed the link on my last post & it didn't take you to the update. If you find you've connected to the main petition, scroll down the page and all the updates are below, with the most recent at the top. Technical gremlin! Thank you.

Anna Hoare

### **Examiner's Report on Wicklesham Quarry and Faringdon Neighbourhood Plan.- 15/8/16**

The Independent Examiner's report on whether Faringdon Neighbourhood Plan meets the 'Basic Conditions' has not yet been published. Andrew Ashcroft's report was expected on 1st August.

For the latest update on the campaign to Protect Wicklesham Quarry from Development, with news of our letter to Mr Ashcroft, 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/u/17565260>.

Anna Hoare

### **INDIA ELECTRIC CO in concert.- 14/8/16**

Friday September 9th, The Barber Rooms. Doors 7.15pm for 7.45pm.

Currently supporting and accompanying MIDGE URE for the second year on his Something From Everything tour, India Electric Co are heading back to Faringdon for a headline show!

They were first here in 2013 when they supported 'Show of Hands' at the very first 'Live At The Tithe'.

\*\*\*\* "Bursting with invention and full of surprises." - The Telegraph

\*\*\*\* "Their reeling, spinning sound corroborates the content of their songs which appear to be describing a life alive with motion. They are altogether a good thing, busy as rush hour but full of light." - The Independent on Sunday  
Sometimes folk, sometimes not. India Electric Company travel through Eastern European themes, gypsy jazz and Irish reels to end up with something "quirky and glittery - a veritable musical magpie's nest." - Mary Ann Kennedy, BBC Radio 3

Tickets £10.00 are available from Val Sansford on 01367 244735 or 07766077115. Also via [wegottickets.com](http://wegottickets.com)

### **Trees on Park Road - 12/8/16**

I contacted the VWH DC yesterday and asked why they were coming down as I thought on the plans they were to stay. These ones on the verge had to be removed for visibility purposes for access to site when it is opened. It is on the plans.

The hedge behind the hoarding is to stay.

Monica Graham

### **Trees on Park Road** - 12/8/16

Anyone have any information or views on the removal of the trees in Park Road at the entrance to Faringdon (alongside the new "Faringdon Park")?

Mark Harrison

### **Lloyds Bank** - 10/8/16

TW is spot on about the need for Faringdon to retain its last remaining bank branch. I speak as someone who banks online but appreciates that many of my (older) generation do not.

Peter Pettit

### **Recycling small electrical and textiles** - 10/8/16

The VWHDC website says:

*You can now recycle:*

*broken or unusable small electrical goods in grey bin week*

*tatty, torn and unusable old clothes and textiles in green bin week*

*Just put them in a tied carrier bag next to your bin on your normal collection day.*

I tried this, but the bags weren't collected. I assumed that they would be when the bin was emptied.

I asked VWHDC and they said that there is a special collection for electricals and textiles, and it could be up to 6pm before they're collected.

I've been told a special vehicle and journey is needed as there isn't room on the waste collection vehicle

Ed

### **Changes to Bus route 66** - 6/8/16

<https://www.stagecoachbus.com/regional-service-updates/west/swindon>

### **Household Waste Recycling Centre Consultation** - 2/8/16

Oxfordshire County Council is implementing the Household Waste Recycling Centre (HWRC) strategy that was passed by the council's cabinet on the 15th December 2015. [The report to cabinet and outcomes of the consultation held in 2015 can be found here](#)

As part of securing HWRC sites across Oxfordshire, the Council will be seeking a new management contract to operate these sites. We would like to know your views on measures that could be taken to make savings and to create income, in order to provide the most affordable service for residents of Oxfordshire.

Please read the information provided on this consultation. Your views and opinions matter.

Please take the time to respond. [Online Consultation](#)

[More information](#)

### **Gravel Walk closed to traffic** - 2/8/16

20.00 - 06.00 10th and 11th August.

More information on Watchfield Village website: <http://www.watchfield.org/temporary-road-closure-faringdon-gravel-walk-on-10-august-2016-for-2-nights-2000-0600/>

Dave Headey

### **Ferndale School has closed** - 2/8/16

What a shame about Ferndale school having to go into receivership. I feel upset for the staff and many local suppliers who have been left unpaid, not to mention the 30 or so children without a school to go to in September. It was a big ask for a small group of parents to try to run the school with no experience, however well-intended they said they were.

[http://www.swindonadvertiser.co.uk/news/14652653.Teacher\\_s\\_sadness\\_after\\_administrators\\_called\\_in\\_to\\_school/](http://www.swindonadvertiser.co.uk/news/14652653.Teacher_s_sadness_after_administrators_called_in_to_school/)

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