

News and Views December 2016

Sign the petition- Cuts to upgrade of Health Centres in Faringdon and Wantage - 31/12/16
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To add your name to this petition, please sign

on http://www.oxonlibdems.uk/2016_westernvalegpfunding

David Grant

Ed: 146 signatures so far

Brexit Public Meetings- Ed Vaisey

Before the end of March next year, Theresa May will formally invoke Article 50 and our negotiations to leave the European Union will begin. These negotiations will impact us all, and with that in mind, early in the New Year I will be holding two public meetings to hear my constituent's views and concerns. The first of these will take place from 18:30 – 21:30 on Friday 20th January 2017 at The Beacon in Wantage.

The second will take place from 19:00 – 22:00 on Friday 3rd February at Didcot Civic Hall. I would like to invite you to attend one, or both, of these meetings, with the aim of hearing your views on Brexit and answering any questions you may have

ATTENTION YOUNG PHOTOGRAPHERS AND YOUNG WRITERS AGED 7 TO 18 YEARS - 29/12/16

Faringdon & District Rotary Club is offering free workshops on Saturday January 14th 2017 at Faringdon Community College in preparation for national Rotary competitions in 2017.

To enrol and/or for further information contact: Rtn Paul Rogers, email rotarycomp2017@aol.com

THAI RESTAURANT- 26/12/16

shame the thai resturant will be closing..good site for a barbers shop
TP CORNHOLIO

Shame! - 26/12/16

A few years ago our young Grand Daughter, Charlotte, made us a Christmas Wreath which we proudly displayed every year on our front door. Unfortunately we wont be able to do this in 2017 because someone stole it on Christmas Eve.

It was obviously admired by more then us.

HGM

Re. Thai- 24/12/16

I'm sorry they are leaving as I love their food, however, the only chippie we have is, frankly, awful. I would welcome one that serves fish and chips that aren't stale and cold as my last lot were.

Green Witch

Thai restaurant- 24/12/16

Having eaten here regularly, and like so many on Trip Adviser, praised the quality of the food, I am very sad that the current owners are leaving early Feb. There is a chance that another couple (a Thai lady and husband) might take over, but there is also a possibility that the landlord will rent to a chip shop. Do we need another chippie?? Though the premises are not exciting it is a delightful place to enjoy true Thai food, please landlord - whoever you are- do not install a deep fat fryer!

Name supplied

Christmas waste and recycling - 23/12/16

Details of which bin you should put your Christmas waste in

<http://www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/news/2016/2016-12/christmas-waste-all-wrapped>

YOUR COMMUNITY NEEDS YOU – Some of the volunteer opportunities in Faringdon-

20/12/16

Citizens Advice, Regent Cineam, Advice Centre, Pump House Project Youth Club +++++

Details on <http://www.faringdon.org/jobs--volunteering.html>

Cuts to upgrade of Health Centres in Faringdon and Wantage - 20/12/16

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Pump House Project Winter Newsletter -19/12/16

News and Events and activities at the Pump House Project

http://media.wix.com/ugd/aa9dc5_38adc7957cff4df5aff3cd348b7c95e.pdf

Christmas Eve Party at The Wheatsheaf. - 19/12/16

Join us and celebrate Christmas Eve and welcome in Christmas Day

Party : DJ : Disco : Dancing : Christmas Eve Celebrations: Free Entry : From 8.30 to late

We look forward to seeing you.

We are open every day over the Christmas Holiday Period including Christmas Day (1pm to late) and Boxing Day (12 noon to late)

Community Interest Levy (CIL)- 18/12/16

Perhaps some or all of the 25% CIL raised for the town council can go towards the already overflowing Health Surgery. They are struggling to cope now. Another 40% plus population increase will make things far worse, especially when they have already been refused the necessary funding.

Grumpy Old man

Rubbish- 16/12/16

Even more puzzling is the sort of rubbish...there isn't a McDonald's or KFC for miles! Mysterioso huh?

Name supplied

Best recyclers - 16/12/16

South Oxfordshire District Council is named the best recycler in DEFRA's annual recycling league tables for 2015/16, with neighbouring Vale of White Horse District Council in fourth place.

<http://www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/news/2016/2016-12/south-oxfordshire-tops-recycling-tables-again>

Community Interest Levy (CIL) Consultation- 16/12/16

Start:15/12/16 09:00 End: 26/01/17 17:00

https://consult.southandvale.gov.uk/portal/vale/planning/pol/draft_cil_charging_schedule/dcs

Now our Neighbourhood plan has been accepted, Faringdon Town Council will get 25% of any CIL raised (15% without a Neighbourhood Plan)

Ed

Carol singing at the Christmas market Sat 17th - 16/12/16

Come and join in the singing at 11am in the Market Square, Sat 17th

Christmas Market is from 10am-1pm. There'll be French food from the Le Mele Twinning group

Ed

Folly Star- 16/12/16

Hooray- it's shining

A huge thankyou to Peter White who makes this happen (and has since 2000) It's a great deal of work, and at a busy time of year. Thanks too to Folly volunteers who help by carrying everything to the top of the tower.

Name supplied

Rubbish - 16/12/16

I went for a walk to Great Coxwell yesterday and I was shocked by the amount of rubbish there was on the path: McDonald's and KFC cartons, cans, cups, etc. It has never been the cleanest of paths, but this is taking it to a whole new level!

It puzzles me that in a society that we believe to be civilised, people still think it is acceptable to throw rubbish out of the car window, waiting to be picked up by someone else! I am also surprised no one has complained about this here yet, I was hoping to find some comments already.

Can the council do anything about this? It is very unpleasant to have to walk through piles of cups, cans and cartons, while trying to relax during a nice country walk.

Name supplied

Ferndale Community Choir- 15/12/16

Thank you to the Louise Woodgate and members of the choir who came into Budgens on Wednesday 14th December and sang Hark the Herald Angels to me on my till!

It absolutely made my day and I'm still giggling now about it!

Thank you again!

Fiona Merrick

Scout Christmas Post Time - 15/12/16

It's 1st Faringdon Scout Christmas Post time! After a quick Post-sort last night - thank you very much to the Cubs and parents who came along

- 1st Faringdon has raised £139.01 for the group thanks to the generosity of those who posted letters and made donations in our scout post boxes this year. Your letters will be delivered by our Cubs, Scouts and Beavers over the coming week. We're sorry they couldn't stay out longer - we had to take them in early this year due to scheduling difficulties with the sorting but next year we hope they'll be out till around the 18th. Thank you to Budgens, Tesco, Costcutter, Ferendune, Brackendale and The Post Office

for letting us put the post boxes there.

Faith Carpenter

South Pole Challenge Talk- 15/12/16

After a fantastic, interesting, moving, funny, surprising and shocking talk by Faringdon's resident South Pole challenger, Mr Al Sylvester, 1st Faringdon Scouts are delighted to announce that monies raised totalled £228 08. Al very kindly donated the profits to us and did not charge us for his talk. If you didn't attend and he does another talk about it...go to it. You missed a treat. Next year we hope to hear from him about his Lands' End to John O'Groats' trip - I think this one will be packed out too! Thank you to Al and to Bethia and Donna for arranging the talk.

Faith Carpenter

New play equipment in Pye Street, Faringdon- 14/12/15

<http://www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/news/2016/2016-12/new-play-equipment-gives-faringdon-youngsters-early-christmas-present>

Folly Light - 13/12/16

Is there going to be a light shining from the folly tower this year?

It was sorely missed last year

Name Supplied

Christmas meal for someone? - 11/12/16

Hello. I am hoping you can help me. I have a retired clergy friend living in Faringdon and he is usually invited out to Christmas lunch but not this year. He is in his 70 and tends not to cook for himself. Is there a local charity that would deliver a hot Christmas meal to him. If you can let me have details please let me know.

Mandy Meyer

Lost keys- 9/12/16

A set of keys, with a distinctive bright green fluffy monkey key fob.

If anyone finds/has found these will they please take them to the Tourist Information/Council Office

Name Supplied

Bus trip to Witney- 9/12/16

Faringdon Community Bus is running a trip to Witney next Thursday afternoon (15th).

It will leave the Market Place at 1.15pm and leave Witney at 4pm.

Tickets are just £5.00 adult, £2.50 under 16's and are available from the Information Centre, The Pump House, Market Place.

Tel 01367 240281.

Grants available - 9/12/16

<http://e-oxfordshirecommunityfoundation.org/1OSY-4N46D-A0LUB5YT8A/cr.aspx>

Ferndale school sold - 7/12/16

End of an era. I know time moves on but I for one feel sad about it.

name supplied

Ferndale School sold - 7/12/16

Sold yesterday for £675000

<http://www.lshauctions.co.uk/national/lot/54355>

Family Grapevine Magazine - 6/12/16

The new Family Grapevine magazine and directory for Oxfordshire South, Vale and West is packed with useful information, contacts and events for local families. Produced 3 times a year, you can pick up your free copy in Faringdon from the library, the town council or The Quad tea & coffee rooms. Most family-orientated businesses and events can be listed in the magazine for free! Just visit <http://thefamilygrapevine.co.uk/oxfordshire-south-vale-west/> to add your details.

Please contact me with advertising enquiries or if you'd like free of charge copies for your group, school, nursery or business – elisha@thefamilygrapevine.co.uk or 01235 816791

Elisha Ward

Editor – Oxfordshire South, Vale and West Family Grapevine

AMY WADGE & LUKE JACKSON live in concert - Friday Feb 3rd 2017- 5/12/16

Grammy award winner AMY WADGE (co-writer of Thinking Out Loud) and LUKE JACKSON return to the Corn Exchange on Friday February 3rd.

Tickets for their last appearance here sold out weeks in advance and already sales are fast.

Tickets are £12.00 and are available from the Information Centre, Pump House, Market Place tel 01367 240281 or from wegottickets.com

Val Sansford

New free magazine for families - 5/12/16

Family Grapevine magazine and directory for Oxfordshire South, Vale and West packed with useful information, contacts and events for local families.

Most family-orientated businesses can have a free of charge listing in the magazine and copies are also free for people to pick-up.

I am happy to deliver copies to groups, schools or businesses that are interested in having some. I've attached a jpg of the front cover of the launch issue.

The launch Winter 16/17 edition is out NOW – just ask if you need to know where to pick up your FREE copy!

Feature your children & family-friendly events on our website – just upload details

at <http://thefamilygrapevine.co.uk/oxfordshire-south-vale-west/submit-your-event-form/>

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Wicklesham Quarry- Update on the restoration.- 5/12/16

For the latest update to the online petition follow the link below. Oxfordshire County Council has documented and photographed considerable damage to the protected habitat of a European Protected Species- the ponds which must be preserved in line with the Restoration and Aftercare Schemes.

According to Natural England no Mitigation Licence has ever been issued in respect of the restoration activities, which is a legal requirement.

<https://www.change.org/p/faringdon-town-council-the-vale-of-white-horse-district-council-and-secretary-of-state-sajiv-javid-protect-wicklesham-quarry-from-development/u/18652295>

Anna Hoare

18th century school in Faringdon - 3/12/16

An artist named William Hoare (1707 - 1792) was said to have received 'a gentleman's education' at a school in Faringdon which enjoyed a 'high reputation at that time' (eg about 1714-24). Can anyone tell me which school that would have been and what has happened to it since? Hoare, incidentally, went on to become a much-talented painter of society folk and member of the Royal Academy.

Thank you.

Richard Meredith

VWHDC Local Plan- 2/12/16

Part 1 will be adopted

Vale of White Horse District Council's Local Plan: 2031 (Part 1) can now be adopted, ensuring communities are more protected from speculative development.

The Planning Inspectorate has written to Vale of White Horse District Council confirming that Vale Local Plan: 2031 (Part 1) has been found sound and can be adopted by the council, subject to modifications. This follows examination of Part 1 earlier this year.

The Inspectors full report can read by visiting www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/localplan.

Vale of White Horse District Council expects to adopt the Local Plan: 2031 (Part 1) at the full council meeting on Wednesday 14 December, with the final plan published the following day.

Once the plan is adopted the district's five year land supply will be secure and major development should only happen in areas identified in the Local Plan.

The council will now use the Local Plan (Part 1) to determine planning applications throughout the district. This means the Vale Council will have much greater control over what developments are allowed to be built, ensuring communities only see new developments that accord with the Local Plan.

<http://www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/news/2016/2016-12/vale-local-plan-2031-part-1-given-go-ahead-be-adopted>

Wonderful Christmas Display -new date time - 1/12/16

Chris and George on the corner of Ash Close and Meadowbank will be turning on their Christmas display on **Friday 2nd at 5pm**. If anyone would like to make a donation in aid of Multiple Sclerosis there is a collecting box just inside their porch.

NHS withdraws Health Centre's building finance- 1/12/16

The Faringdon Health Centre's plans to update their surgery have been dealt a serious blow by the NHS's surprise decision to withdraw the promised funding for their building work. In May last year the surgery announced that the NHS had approved funding of up to £684,000 towards upgrading the recently-merged medical practices and to prepare for a further 4,000+ additional patients expected from new housing in the area.

Now the senior doctors have been told by the NHS that even their trimmed-back project for £500,000 of essential work won't even get a penny. The plans included fitting out additional consulting rooms, improving the cramped waiting area and enlarging the busy dispensary. What makes the whole process even more extraordinary is that this is after the NHS provided £25,000 to help pay for the initial planning phase.

The doctors have not been told why their essential work cannot be supported but suspect that it is another symptom of the funding crisis that has hit the NHS generally. With over 15,000 patients already using a building designed for 12,000, the doctors have decided they have to fund a limited rolling programme themselves. This will start with two treatment rooms to free up more consulting space. Doctor Gavin Bartholomew, one of the Partners, said, "We were very disappointed by this cancellation of support that had been promised over 18 months ago. Hundreds of hours of our

time now appear to have been wasted as we, with invaluable help from our Patient Group, worked to push this project through. Most of all we are so disappointed for our patients who are having to put up with unnecessary waits for treatment and crowded waiting areas.”

Doctor Bartholomew went on to recall the ‘Good’ and ‘Outstanding’ scores from this April’s official inspection of the Health Centre which showed how well the staff in Volunteer Way are coping with the workload, despite the building’s shortcomings. The doctors hope to complete the first stage of improvements with minimal disruption but ask for understanding from any patients who are inconvenienced by the work.

White Horse medical Practice

Handyman wanted- 1/12/16

Does anyone know of a very good handyman who can reseal shower cubicals and put up a large mirror as well as towel rails and holders?

Needed next week.

Name supplied