Folly Woodland - 28/2/16

Gene Webb is quite right. The Folly woodland is far and away the most interesting area in Faringdon for children and adults of all ages and our thanks are due to the volunteer management team who have gone to the trouble of enhancing it with more items of interest. I'm sure the Tesco 5p grant, should they get it will be put to good use. When I was a boy there was a large sandpit near the Stanford Road path. It was where the sand to build the tower was excavated. Along with my contemporaries, I spent many happy hours playing in it as a child. It is a pity it is not there now. Perhaps some of the grant money could be used to dig one.

Dennis Haynes

Folly Woodland - 28/2/16

I too was dubious about putting sculptures in the woodland, but I'm OK with it now. Those who know they're there, get lots of fun seeking them out. For those who don't know they're there, apart from the cannon they're not in your face. A good balance I think. On any sunny day you can see young families enjoying the woodland and the children enjoying running around looking for the sculptures.

Years ago local people could only walk round the outside and through the middle. The Woodland is now a place where people of all ages can spend time.

Old Faringdonian

Tesco 5p Bag Vote - 27/2/16

I will definitely vote for Folly Hill. It provides enjoyment for so many people all year round. As for looking after children, I think their are hundreds of charities and do gooders already doing that. Perhaps a few of them should haul themselves up the hill to enjoy the things that are on offer. It will do them the world of good!!

Name Supplied

Folly Woodland - 27/2/16

My vote went to the folly where we take our children regularly. They love it. We also have friends from Marcham and Southmoor who regularly come with their children to the Folly. It is for all, and it is more than just another play area.

Regards Mark

Tesco 5p bag money - 27/2/16

I totally agree with the person who wrote about the 5p bag money going to the childrens play area, after seeing the latest pictures of doors in trees and wooden hanging bats. (very tacky indeed), the money would be better spent on children, there are so many tacky sculptures at the Folly woodland it's taking away the beauty of the area.

name supplied

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Where have you noticed where there is litter?

Ed

Tesco 5p bag money - please vote for the Folly - 27/2/16

The Folly woodland is by far the best accessible, 'free' attraction in the town which is used by children and people of all ages. Children in the Town are likely to visit the woodland probably several times during their school years - through official school arrangements and perhaps with guides, brownies, etc. Older people walk to the Folly for their regular exercise. People with dogs take regular walks there. It is suitable from every point of view - within easy reach, the climb and then the views.

On any sunny day people and children can be found enjoying the woodland seeking out the woodland installations. As they walk among the trees they'll definitely see real squirrels and rabbits, lots of little birds, maybe a woodpecker or a kestrel, perhaps even a deer passing through.

We estimate that between 18k and 36k people visit the Folly woodland every year.

Thankyou to Robert Heber-Percy for giving it to Faringdon.
The Tesco grant money will be used to ensure damage and diseased trees are dealt with, more trees and shrubs are planted to ensure the landmark carries on into the future, and provides a home for even more birds and animals.

Management of the Folly Tower and Woodland is carried out by volunteers.

Gene Webb

Tesco Bags for life- Vote for Faringdon Folly Woodland - 26/2/16

Voting has started. (until March 6th)

Please vote for the Folly. We'll spend the money on more planting, work to trees, and woodland sculptures. All will help keep the woodland a beautiful place to spend time and encourage more birds and animals to live there.

www.faringdonfolly.org.uk

Pot Luck - an evening of music, songs and words - 25/2/16

27th February 2016
Location: 7.30pm: St Andrew's Church
Host: Shrivenham Music Group and Amateur Dramatic Society

Please come along and help contribute to the restoration fund of our wonderful Grade 1 listed church - and enjoy yourself! You will be entertained by a huge variety of local talent. Entertainment features outstanding local talent from classical to jazz, rock to choral, folk to musical theatre and a sprinkling of humour.

Tickets, at just £10- for adults and £5- for children, are available at IV Florist, the Post Office and 784433. There will be a bar available.

Programme

Devolution proposal for Oxfordshire - 25/2/16

Devolution is the redistribution of power and funding from national to local government.

Parliament has recently passed new legislation design to enable local areas to take more control over their future.

Our proposal to Government is to change the local government structure of Oxfordshire. Abolishing the existing inefficient two tiers of councils and replacing them with a single set of Local Unitary Councils that would be responsible for all areas of local services.

We are also proposing changes to funding and decision making to improve education and health and social care in Oxfordshire.

The Government is currently inviting bids from local areas for devolution proposals. We have responded by setting out our plans for Oxfordshire. There is still much work to be done and we are commissioning experts to help us produce a detailed, costed plan which will go out for public consultation in the summer.

Ultimately the Government will decide whether or not to accept our proposals and give Oxfordshire the powers and the funding that we believe it deserves.

Read more,

Frequently asked questions

Charity event for Cancer - 25/2/16

Hi I'm Becky and I work at the King and queen in longcot, a well established, award winning pub.

On Sunday 28th February 2016 @ 5pm we are holding a charity event in aid of cancer.

I myself am putting myself forward for a 'brave the shave' event. I am aiming to raise £500 and am already half way there. I am going to donate the money to Macmillan and I also intend to donate my hair for cancer sufferers so that it can be made into beautiful wigs for them. (my hair is half way down my back). This is a massive event for us all and we would really appreciate some media/newspaper coverage on this event if possible please.

At the event, people will also be given the opportunity, to donate more money by being able to cut off one of my sectioned ponytails, before my head gets completely shaved. I really look forward to hearing from you in support of this charitable event.
BOND IS BACK! 24/2/16

SPECTRE (12A) - showing at the Regent Cinema Faringdon this Saturday evening Feb 27th.

Tickets on sale now!

Call in to the Community Information Centre (open 9am-4pm Mon-Fri, 9.30am-1pm Sat) for tickets or book by calling 01367 242191.

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Gene Webb

Faringdon library - Free Wi Fi from today! - 23/2/16

New PCs mid March. We have a scanner and printer. All the usual reference material available on OCC website

Also ……………. Search for ‘Oxfordshire Libraries’ at the App Store or Google Play

You can now access Oxfordshire Libraries from your phone or tablet.

You can manage your account search the catalogue renew and reserve books.

Barcode scanning is available on devices with a front-facing auto-focus camera. The App is great and instant!

Sheena

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Ed

Buscot Park Cricket Club- 23/2/16

Buscot Park Cricket Club is welcoming new junior players.

To find out more, look on www.buscotpark.cricketclubwebsite.com or call John Morton on 01367 242878

Faith Carpenter

Car Hand wash - 23/2/16

I’ve only just discovered the amazing car hand-wash people on the industrial estate. Reasonably priced (£6.00 outside only, £12 to hoover and clean the inside) and quick (about 20 minutes). What a gem!

Mary Beck

Open Studios in Faringdon Area - 23/2/16

Between 14th and 22nd May more than 30 painters and designers, potters and sculptors, photographers, jewellers and textile artists will be opening their homes, studios and other venues to the public for free to showcase their talent through exhibitions and demonstrations.

From fashion to furniture, in collage, ceramics, mosaic, on fabric and on film, artists are telling tales of the past and the present, of wonderful places visited and people met, and sharing their inspiration and ideas. Look out for guides and the local area trail map from April.

Why not visit the Faringdon Area Artists page on facebook where profiles of artists and invites are regularly posted or check out the main Oxfordshire Artweeks website www.artweeks.org

Tara Parker-Woolley

Tropic Ambassador - 21/2/16

Hi, I've not long moved to Faringdon so don't know many people….I work full time but am also a Tropic Ambassador.

Tropic is a gluten free, cruelty free makeup and skincare range which was founded by Susan Tropic is also the world’s first and only mission driven company.

Please comment or message me. If you would like to take a look at the products which are amazing follow this link: www.tropic skincare.co.uk/shop/emmalewin

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Lyn Williamson

Re: Missing cat - 15/2/16 - £100 reward for safe return. - 20/2/16

Mia has now been missing for a week, and we are very worried for her.

She is an 18 month old small tabby cat with white paws and chest. As it is the weekend, could I please ask residents of Marlborough Gardens and Coxwell Road areas to check their sheds and garages again in case she has been shut in.

A possibility is that she has been taken in by another family. If this is the case, and she is happy, we would accept that, but would like to know she's ok. Of course, we would prefer to have her back, hence the reward for her safe return.

Please contact me on 0743 253 2679 if you have any information.

Many thanks - Sarah

Rotary Young Photographer Competition - Display & Results - 19/2/16

Results of the Faringdon Rotary Club’s Young Photographer 2016 competition will be announced on Saturday March 5th at 3.00 pm in the Jubilee Room of the Pump House, Faringdon Market Place.

Come along and view a display of the entrants’ photographs. All are welcome.

Mike Bell

VALE PATH VOLUNTEERS - 19/2/16

Faringdon Footpath Clearance

On Wednesday February 17th eight members of the Vale Path Volunteers team of the Rambler’s Vale of White Horse Group worked on clearing a footpath in Faringdon (FP 207/1).

This is a path about 250 metres in length in woodland leading off from Canada Lane on the western side of the town. It is an important path since it forms part of a circular footpath route around the town. It is also a footpath often used by the Rambler’s as part of its regular programme of walks from the town centre.

One member of the team, Dave Cavanagh, is a trained operator of a powerful petrol-engined strimmer/brushcutter. This machine is put to good use as the brushcutter blade quickly chews and chops its way through the bramble and briar bushes. Other team members use secateurs, loppers and bow saws to cut away any overhanging branches and small trees encroaching on either side of the path. Finally a large sac was filled with litter, consisting mainly of beer and soft drink cans, and plastic bottles.

This path is the third footpath in the town which the Vale Path Volunteers have cleared so far, the others being the path that runs from Southampton Street to Volunteer Way and the continuation of this path from Park Road to the A 420.

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**Gene Webb**

**Clean for The Queen - 16/2/16**

Throughout February and early March the Vale of White Horse District Council is encouraging everybody to get together with their communities and make sure the neighbourhood is sparkling clean ahead of the Queen's 90th birthday. The whole country is having a big clean-up on the weekend of 4 – 6 March.

If you're interested in setting up your own litter picking group, register on the Clean for the Queen website and email waste.team@southandvale.gov.uk. Biffa will contact you to give you some Clean for the Queen hi-vis gear, sacks and litter-pickers and some tips on how to make your clean up a success.

Waste crews are also carrying out some extra clean-ups across the district – if there's a particular 'grot spot' in your area that you think could do with a bit of a polish, give them a call on 03000 610610 or email waste.team@southandvale.gov.uk, and you could be in with a chance of having your very own spring clean.

**VWHDC**

**Magnolia Brasserie @ Sudbury House- New Menus - 16/2/16**

Fast & Filling Lunches

- 12” Pizza, Side Salad and a bottle of craft beer or soft drink £15.00 per person

*Available every lunch except Sundays.*

Daily Special Set Lunch & Dinner Menus

- One course £15.00 per person
- Two courses £20.00 per person
- Three courses £25.00 per person

*Available every day except on special event days.*

**Sharing is Caring Thursdays**

Order a Sharing Dish for Two and get two glasses of house wine included. Prices vary according to menu choice.

Based on two people sharing, available for lunch and dinner on Thursdays only.

**Missing cat - 15/2/16**

Missing since early Sunday 14th Feb, small tabby cat with white paws and chest, from Marlborough Gardens. It is very out of character for her to be away for so long. Please could residents of Marlborough Gardens and Cowwel Road check their sheds and garages in case she has been shut in. Contact me on 0743 253 2679 if you have any information.

Many thanks - Sarah

**RADCOT ROAD STATUE - FARINGDON HOUSE - 14/2/16**

This Thursday (18th Feb), we're very fortunate that Philip Ward-Jackson, the world's leading authority on Baron Carlo Marochetti, is coming to visit Faringdon. He'll be spending most of Thursday and some of Friday making a careful study of both of the statues that were recently being discussed on Faringdon.org. The "Egypt" statue that is clearly visible from the Radvoc Rd is a Marochetti. The "Marseilles" statue that also came from the Crystal Palace Exhibition at Sydenham Park and is within the grounds of Faringdon House is by Etex. Philip will be staying at the Bell. So - if you happen to see a distinguished looking gentleman - 6'7in tall - grey hair and a slight beard - then do say hello!

Sjoerd

**Faringdon Free Food session this Sunday - 13/2/16**

This Sunday morning (14th February) we'll be laying down a weed suppressing membrane around fruit bushes along Gravel Walk (this is the alleyway which stretches between the Gravel Walk road and Meadow Bank). If we have time, we'll also do the same for the raised beds opposite the Swan Inn.

We'll meet at 10.00 am along Gravel Walk. All adults and children are welcome.

Mark Crane

**Could you help Oxford Health NHS Foundation Trust improve the care environment? - 13/2/16**

This local NHS Trust are looking for people to take part in their PLACE assessments – Patient Led Assessments of the Care Environment. The PLACE assessments involve teams made up of patient representatives going into hospitals to evaluate hospital buildings, cleanliness, food, and how the environment supports patient's privacy and dignity. It focuses entirely on the care environment and does not cover clinical treatment or how well staff are doing their job.

The assessments take place every year, and results are reported publicly to help drive improvements and show how hospitals are performing.

Who can be a PLACE assessor?

You don't need any qualifications or experience, just a genuine interest in taking part. Assessment teams are a collaboration between staff and patient assessors, so patients must make up at least half of the assessment team. Anyone who uses the service can be a patient assessor, including current patients, their family and visitors, carers, or patient advocates. If you work for the Trust or have worked for them in the last two years you are not able to take part. This is to make sure assessors are independent.

What does taking part involve?

Taking part in PLACE means giving up a half-day or day to take part in the visit to the hospital. You will help the team to agree a score for a number of things including cleanliness, décor, the quality and taste of food, and how the privacy and dignity of patients is provided for.

The Trust will prepare you for taking part in assessments by providing information and training so that you feel confident in taking part.

Which Trust should I apply to?

Ideally PLACE assessors should have recent experience as a patient, relative or visitor at the Trust, so get in touch with the Trust where you have the most experience. It is possible to carry out PLACE assessments for more than one organisation.

**Oxford Health NHS Foundation Trust** will be assessing the environment in its Mental Health inpatient and outpatient services at Oxfordshire, Buckinghamshire and Wiltshire, and also at community hospitals.

Their first PLACE assessment is on 10 March 2016

Contact Jennifer Acourt on 07881506799 or via email on Jennifer.acourt@oxfordhealth.nhs.uk

**Second to None - 13/2/16**

I fully endorse Harry's posting of 8/2/16 regarding Second to None. First class service from a friendly and obliging company. Thanks Bob, Linda and the team. Dennis H.

**Help look after the defibrillator - 13/2/16**

Would you like to join a small group of committed community members to help look after the Public Access Defibrillator (In Budgen's Car Park)?

Faringdon Guides & The First Response Team would like to invite you to a meeting on Wednesday 13th April at 6.15pm in the Jubilee Room at The Pump House on the Market Square to find out more. Please phone the Faringdon Community Tourist & Info Centre on 01367 242191 to register your interest or email tic@faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk

**CVS garage in Faringdon - 11/2/16**

I have a VW group car and wanted someone other than a "main stealer" to do a service and gearbox oil change on my car, CVS did the job a lot cheaper than I expected as there hourly rate is a lot less than another establishment and being VW trained I knew the job would be done correctly.

Shall certainly use again. Sorry Bob. Colin Eddy

**Re: Spelling of Faringdon - 9/2/16**

"Is it possible that people could get the spelling right - almost inevitable that there would be a typo in that sentence :-). To be fair, I think a lot of spellcheckers think Faringdon should be Farrindon & if they have autocorrect on it may get changed without being noticed.

Name Supplied
Spelling of FARINGDON: 9/2/16
Is it possible that people could get the spelling right. One "R".
Name supplied

Dog mess London St etc etc - 8/2/16
It's not just one dog, but several and isn't limited to London St, but all streets up that end of town.
This was reported to the Council last Friday (email: env.health@southandvale.gov.uk).
While ranting on social media and websites may make you feel better, it achieves little. May I respectfully suggest you better use your time by reporting through the correct channels so that the individual can be caught and fined. If you do as you threaten and throw it at them, you'll be the one in court. Plus, let's be honest, we all know you're not going to do that because you (unlike the other) are a responsible and considerate human being who wouldn't stoop to such depths.
I've pasted the response from the Council below. Once reported, they have a duty to clear it up (don't worry, I'll be onto them if they don't). While their current stance is that they can't prosecute without evidence and it's our responsibility to collect that evidence, there is almost certainly some trigger for them to set up surveillance, probably around number of complaints they get / times they have to pay Biffa to clean the streets.
So, please, divert your energies to reporting officially, rather than having a fulfilling (but essentially useless) venting of spleen on this page/facebook etc. The owners are inconsiderate, know exactly what they're doing and are unlikely to be shamed into responsible behaviour.

And, yes, I'm a dog owner.
Response from VOCWDC: Thank you for your email regarding dog fouling in Faringdon.
We are experiencing a problem in Faringdon [sic] regarding dog fouling and are doing our best to combat it.
As you can imagine it is impossible for us to address the culprits unless we know who they are / or where they live. If you do manage to identify the culprit(s) please contact us as they can be fined £50 for the offence of dog fouling.
I have asked Biffa to clean all the roads you highlighted in your email. You can also contact Biffa direct as regards cleaning by telephoning 03000 610 610 or by emailing: admin vale@biffa.co.uk
Name Supplied

Tae Kwon Do classes - 8/2/16
Combined Self Defence are pleased to announce, that to complement their existing Tae Kwon Do classes that from January 2016 they will be opening an adult only self defence class based on Bruce Lee's Art of Jeet Kune Do.
Jeet Kune-Do or JKD as it is commonly referred by is a mix of open hand and weapon based training to give you the tools to deal with one or more attackers, standing up, on the ground or if a weapon is involved.
JKD is particularly effective for "non martial artists" as the skills you develop are directly applicable to self protection, and can be used without the years of training that some classical martial arts require to install the automatic responses from blocks and punches, and in these increasing times of trouble, are skills that everybody should have to hand.

We offer all new students a FREE 4 week training pass to properly to help people evaluate and decide if this type of training is appropriate and enjoyable for them. Classes are held at Ferndale School in Faringdon on Tuesday evenings from 7-8pm
To register your interest please fill out the booking form at www.selfdefencevoucher.co.uk or call Lee on 07977 560086

TAGB Tae Kwon Do classes
Tae Kwon Do is one of the fastest growing martial arts in today's world. We train in Ferndale School on Tuesdays with a Junior class 4-11 years starting at 5pm and a Teens/Adults class starting at 6pm.
All instructors are police checked, insured and qualified Black Belts within the Tae Kwon-Do Association of Great Britain.
We offer all new students a FREE 4 week training pass to properly to help people evaluate and decide if this type of training is appropriate and enjoyable for them.

Classes are held at Farringdon Regent Cinema in Faringdon on Tuesday evenings from 5-6 & 6-7PM
To register your interest please fill out the booking form at www.martialartsvoucher.co.uk or call Lee on 07977 560086
To Kick Start your Year, In January 2016 we are offering all new students a FREE 6 week training program instead of the usual 4 weeks.

Second 2 None - 8/2/16
Never could a car repairer be more aptly named. I've said it before and at the risk of boring readers I'm saying it again., The service which Bob, Linda and the team provide is superb.
Harry G Mitchell

Faringdon Regent Cinema - Change of Film For Feb Blockbuster Night - 7/2/16
We will now be showing "Suffragette" (12A) and not "Macbeth" (15) on 26th February
Doors 7pm, film 7.30pm
The foot soldiers of the early feminist movement, women who were forced underground to pursue a dangerous game of cat and mouse with an increasingly brutal State.
Stars: Carey Mulligan, Anne-Marie Duff, Helena Bonham Carter
Blockbuster Nights @ The Regent Cinema, The Corn Exchange, Faringdon. Doors open 7pm, film starts at 7.30pm. £4 Adults. £3 Under 18s. £10 Family ticket.
For more information and tickets please contact Faringdon Community & Tourist Information Centre on 01367 242191, email tic@faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk or visit www.faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk/faringdon-cinema

Dogs Mess Again - 6/2/16
So the lazy owner of the large type dog has extended their territory from Canada Lane- Pines area to London street. This has been going on for quite some time, every day a new load has been deposited on the pavements etc. I notice this as I walk my dog in the area on a regular basis. It's the same dog again.

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London Street Dog Mess - 4/2/16
I have noticed that someone with what must be a medium to large sized dog is deliberately allowing their animal to deposit large piles of dog mess at various locations along London Street without picking it up.
London Street has front doors which open directly onto the pavement and it is very unpleasant to find a pile of dog mess outside your door ...
Let the Lazy, Inconsiderate person who is doing this be warned that if I catch them, they will be wearing the stuff !!!
I would ask people who see or know this person to identify them to the police and also name and shame them on here, I for one would like to know who it is ...
Name supplied

RE: Folly Park View parking - 4/2/16
This has certainly been a quandary problem on the Estate not helped by an attitude of one person having seen someone else park on the kerb or in a dangerous place so why don't they. Sadly it is an issue that I personally don't see getting resolved quickly.
In the first instance we desperately need the Estate to finally get adopted by the council as until then there is little anyone can do to address things.
It is our hope that the Estate may be getting nearer as recently work has been done getting the various walk ways altered. Perhaps then at key areas double yellow lines can be introduced.
The big bug bear I have is with the cars blocking the pavements for pushchairs and wheelchair users. Just a little thought in what you are doing. In a lot of cases the parking is purely out of laziness as there are dedicated parking spaces for each abode. There is also plenty of visitor spaces or safe areas to park at the entrance to the estate. It did get better a while ago but then the dark nights crept in and it does seem as though it has got worse.
Sadly the ones that park their cars without due care and attention are not likely to be people that review the Faringdon News board or take much reflection on how their actions have repercussions for others.
Name supplied
The Battle of the Somme was one of the bloodiest battles in our history with over one million men either injured or killed. I do not think that the black tie dinner suggested in the link is in any way appropriate.

Christine Moorhouse

2016 - 100th anniversary of the Battle of the Somme - 3/2/16
In 2016 we commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Battle of the Somme and the Faringdon Branch of the Royal British Legion would like to mark this occasion with an event. There will be a number of events held nationally, such as all night vigils in Westminster Abbey, Cardiff and Manchester and the Royal British Legion is holding a daily service at the Thiepval Memorial in France from 1 July until 18 November 2016.
http://www.britishlegion.org.uk/remembrance/ww1-centenary/somme-141/

Before arranging a local event for the community of Faringdon the Branch Committee would gratefully receive any thoughts and views on ways to mark this occasion. Please see below a short survey which will help the Branch Committee to organise an event to commemorate the Battle of the Somme for and with the people of Faringdon.
https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/BXD5FDC

Mary Cadogan

PLEASE can residents of Folly Park View park more considerately. - 3/2/16
I followed an ambulance up Palmer Road this evening and it had trouble squeezing past all the parked cars. The chicane is a traffic calming measure NOT an area for people to park in front of, there should always be a passing place so people can give way to oncoming traffic.
Maybe the council need to investigate widening the road?
Folly Park View Resident

Health inequalities in Faringdon - 1/2/16
The Health Inequalities Commission are calling for evidence for its inquiry into health inequalities in Oxfordshire.
Health inequalities are differences between people or groups due to social, geographical, biological or other factors. These differences have a huge impact, because they result in people who are worst off experiencing poorer health and shorter lives. The causes of health inequalities are complex, and include lifestyle factors—smoking, nutrition, exercise to name only a few—and also wider determinants such as poverty, housing and education.
The Commission has been asked by the Oxfordshire Health and Wellbeing Board to consider what actions could be implemented in Oxfordshire, which would result in a sustainable reduction in health inequalities. In particular, it will focus on how we can improve the delivery of health and social care functions, with a particular emphasis on

- Reducing health inequalities across the lifecourse
- Urban and rural living
- The experiences of ethnic minority groups, and populations living in situations of particular disadvantage, e.g. homelessness, refugees, etc

A questionnaire has been developed (see here for template for organisations and here for template for individuals) which you may find helpful in structuring your response. Evidence should be submitted to ccsu.talkinghealth@nhs.net by the deadlines given. Please note the dates for the meetings in your diaries.
See the full information

Faringdon Football Club - 1/2/16
An opportunity for you to reach new customers from just £75 a year!
Faringdon Town Football Club (FTFC), your local football club, is an established and respected part of the local community and we would like to offer your business a different channel of promotion to reach new customers and enhance your position amongst existing customers.
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