

News and View July 2016

Follyfest and Party in the Park differences - 30/7/16

Couldn't help but notice the difference in the sound levels between the two festivals.

I live closer to the Market Place than Tucker's Park but the difference in the sound level is enormous. As per previous posts it certainly seems that a large open space like Tucker's Park is unsuitable for a music festival due to the " bleeding " of the noise. Its contained in the Market Place so causes little or no problems.

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Lloyds- Faringdon's last Bank - 28/7/16

Faringdon must keep its last bank ,we may complain about the service but just think of all the people who don't do internet, and can't get to other towns, and have to do paying in ,Lloyds have a responceabilty to give this service to there account holders.

Trevor Wynn

Tesco- Community Food Connection - 25/7/16

Hello! At Tesco Faringdon we are very excited to announce the arrival of 'Community Food Connection!'

This is the first initiative of its kind for UK supermarkets and will see any surplus food items being offered to local charities for collection, all via our PDAs and charity volunteer's mobile phones.

We're really proud at Tesco that we can cut food waste and do the right thing for the communities we serve. Tesco have trialled this in a few stores for the past year but on the 22nd August Tesco Faringdon will be ready to donate surplus food.

This is where you come in! We are currently looking for registered charities that would be interested in bread, fruit or veg on a regular basis. Maybe a kichen, food bank or other food related cause? Please let me know any suggestions here or in store at the Customer Service Desk.

If you have any questions please ask away or visit www.fareshare.org.UK/fareshare-foodcloud

Thanks for your support

Wicklesham Quarry- Examiner's verdict - 24/7/16

The Independent Examiner of Faringdon Neighbourhood Plan announced that he expects to publish his report on 1st August. This will include his judgment on Policy 4.5B, to allocate Wicklesham Quarry SSSI as an industrial/ warehousing site.

For the latest update on the campaign to Protect Wicklesham Quarry from Development, follow the link.

<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/17360087>

You can still read all previous updates by scrolling down the main page of the online petition. The photo is of Miss Aimee Harris, a young supporter who has shown incredible initiative and dedication in raising funds for the campaign!

Anna Hoare

The Big Health and Care Conversation - 22/7/16

The NHS in Oxfordshire is calling on young people, parents, patients, carers and people who live and work in Oxfordshire to have their say on how health care is delivered.

Several events have already taken place in Banbury, Wantage and Oxford but we still need to hear from more people. The events are 'drop in' and we will have clinicians and staff available to have an informal chat with you to share ideas on how NHS services in Oxfordshire can deliver high quality care now and in the future.

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Please share your ideas in our survey here <https://consult.oxfordshireccg.nhs.uk/consult.ti/Bighealthandcare/consultationHome>

Read our Case for Change document [here](#) or download our leaflet [here](#).

If you would like more information about these events, please contact: Julia Stackhouse on 01865 334638

Parking - 22/7/16

if you are the person who parks a grey VW golf on the yellow lines outside the bike repair shop in Coxwell Street, you are very selfish. your car holds up traffic in both directions...dont be surprised if your mirrors get knocked off soon.
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Consultation on the Household Waste Recycling Centres- 22/7/16

OCC are asking residents for their views on changes to services at their local Household Waste Recycling Centre (HWRC). New contracts are planned to be in place from the beginning of October 2017 and they are consulting on ways to make savings or create income from HWRC sites including what waste is accepted on site, opening hours or the level of service the council provides.

Consultation runs from 14th July until 11th August - details can be found online at:

<https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/cms/news/2016/jul/household-waste-recycling-centres-consultation>

Ask the Chief Constable- 20/7/16

Wednesday 20th July 7pm-9pm.

The Ask the Chief online discussion takes place between 7pm and 9pm on Wednesday 20 July. To join the session, go to <http://bit.ly/29xXvhX> - you can also set a reminder for the event.

Faringdon Park - 20/7/16

Not a very imaginative name- or for that matter clear as to what sort of Park it is

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Retail Park- 20/7/16

Aldi and Waitrose - my favourite grocery stores. Brilliant!

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Transformation of NHS- the case for change - 19/7/16

[The case for change, the big conversation](#)

New Retail Park in Faringdon - 19/7/16

On Friday 15th July, local MP, Rt. Hon. Ed Vaizey, who was recently appointed to the Privy Council, officially named Faringdon's new retail centre, **FARINGDON PARK**.

Based on the A420, on the junction with Park Road, COSTA COFFEE will be the first of three new operations to open their doors in the next six months. Louise Morgan, Senior Acquisitions Manager for Costa Coffee commented: "We are pleased to announce that we are opening a brand new drive-thru store within the Faringdon Park retail development in 2017. As well as providing our coffee loving on-the-go customers with a quality cup of coffee whilst on the move, we are also going to be creating 8-10 new jobs. We are looking forward to being a part of the local community, getting involved with events, providing the store as a meeting place and helping with fundraising."

Award winning supermarket ALDI is due to open in Spring 2017 and will offer local residents increased choice for their food shopping in Faringdon. Typically, Aldi customers save between 30 and 40 percent on their usual food shop without compromising on quality.

With parking for up to 180 cars on site, Royal Warrant holder, WAITROSE, the grocery brand of the John Lewis Partnership, will also be opening a new store in the Spring. A Waitrose spokesperson said: "We're really looking forward to welcoming customers to our new shop and becoming part of the local community. As well as bringing our quality food and drink and fantastic service to Faringdon, our cafe will be a great place to relax."

Faringdon Park, which is being built by Britannia Construction, for Aviva Investors, will be the first location in the UK to accommodate a Waitrose and Aldi next to each other as part of a new purpose built development, creating over 125 full and part time jobs.

Rt. Hon. Ed Vaizey MP commented: "I am so delighted to see Faringdon and the entrepreneurial spirit of its inhabitants coming together to drive commerce, increase employment, spread prosperity, and announce to the world that Faringdon is open for business."

Faringdon's Town Mayor, Dr Mike Wise, added: "The development of the site will provide £60,000 of contributions towards Faringdon's infrastructure. These contributions have been successfully negotiated by Faringdon Town Council and will be used to help develop links with the town centre, support the local markets and improve Faringdon's economy."

Roger Cox, local Vale of the White Horse District Councillor, commented: "If proof was ever needed that Faringdon is an important part of the Vale – this is it. Faringdon Park is a very exciting destination landmark which will increase Faringdon's appeal as a retail destination by drawing back the 60% of people who currently live in the town's catchment but who use other towns to do their food shopping. Attracting more people back to Faringdon will increase footfall for the entire town."

Oxfordshire County Councillor, Judith Heathcoat, said: "We desperately need more support for the increasing number of people coming to Oxfordshire. We need more small and medium enterprises to become established here, and we need more commercial enterprises to help them. Stores like Aldi and Waitrose are indicative of a town's burgeoning success, and we must not let go of the opportunities presented."

Community Information Directory- 15/7/16

Looks like a useful resource- It holds a wide range of services, activities and support across Oxfordshire

<http://communitynetworkdirectory.org.uk/search/faringdon>

Grants for Voluntary Organisations from Vale Council- 15/7/16

We offer the following grants to voluntary and non-profit organisations in the district, including town and parish councils.

- [New Homes Bonus](#) - NOW OPEN (until 29 July)!
- [Capital Grants](#) - NOW OPEN (until 29 July)!
- [Festival/Event Grants](#) - NOW OPEN!
- Partnership Grants - currently closed.

<http://linkis.com/vtCbh>

Wantage Independant Advice Centre- Volunteers needed - 15/7/16

If you attended our AGM last month you will have picked up on our main focus for the coming year and that is the need for more volunteers.

I have received feedback from a few people asking for more details about being a WIAC volunteer.

I have put together [a brief description](#) of what each role is about and most importantly the amount of commitment the volunteer is expected to give.

I have attached the article and if you have a notice board where it can be placed, or if you circulate a newsletter or something similar please can you include this?

We already have over 100 very happy volunteers and any of them would be prepared to talk to other potential volunteers about what they do and what they get out of volunteering.

We are also recruiting for a [new part-time paid role, see attached](#), and if possible I would very much appreciate if this also could be circulated. We are very hopeful that this role can be filled by a local person and are trying to get the word out to as many local people as possible.

If you do not have access to a printer please let me know and I can send out hard copies.

Please do not hesitate to get back to me if you require any further information.

Regards

Wendy Watson

Joint Operations Manager

Wantage Independent Advice Centre

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Overgrown- 14/7/16

Surprise, today it has been cut, yay!

Tim

Out of date Posters - 13/7/16

Now that the well advertised Ritzy Garden Party has passed perhaps the organiser would like to go round the town and remove all the unsightly posters left everywhere.

It always bugs me that after all these events have ended none of the organizers bother to remove there obsolete posters etc.
Name supplied.

Overgrown- 13/7/16

Is it me or have the local councils in our area given up cutting grass verges? Is this cost cutting? The path from Faringdon to Great Coxwell is impassable in places and visibility at the roundabout, on the way, is also poor when driving. I may have to break the brush cutter next week if nothing changes, I hope there's no Giant Hogweed growing along there...

Tim Ellingham

Oxfordshire Health care Transformation Consultation- 12/7/16

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We are seeking your views on how local GP, community and hospital services should develop so services are of high quality, closer to home, more convenient with better access and can overcome a £200m funding gap by 2020/21.

The events are informal drop-ins with medical professionals on hand to take questions and listen to feedback.

<http://www.oxonhealthcaretransformation.nhs.uk/>

Faringdon in Bloom- 12/7/16

Highly Commended Crochet Flower - this was wrongly attributed to Anneliese Rowlands but was actually crocheted by Hilary Carter.

Fiona Merrick

Faringdon in Bloom winners - 11/7/16

We are very happy to announce the winners of the Faringdon in Bloom competition 2016 :

Best Small Garden won by Rachel Williams.

Highly Commended awarded to Mrs Mary McGuigan.

Best Communal Gardens won by Coxwell Gardens.

Highly Commended awarded to Ferendune Court Care Home.

Best Allotment won by Rachel Hopper.

Highly Commended awarded to Mrs Bunch.

Best Hanging Baskets won by The Wheatsheaf.

Highly Commended awarded to The Swan and The Volunteer.

Best Business Floral Display won by Acacia UK.

Highly Commended awarded to African Children's Fund and Hare in the Woods.

Best Junior Miniature Garden awarded to Lily Buckley - Clough.

Best Crocheted Flower won by Sarah Richards.

Highly Commended awarded to Anneliese Rowlands.

Winner of the Winners won by Coxwell Gardens.

Thank you again to everyone that took part in the competition.

Oxfordshire Comet - 11/7/16

Our bookable transport service for those who can't access suitable public transport.

It is a not for profit service, created to allow people without suitable access to public transport to make the journeys they want.

The Oxfordshire Comet can be booked for any type of trip. Whether it's to meet friends in town, travel across the county, attend an appointment or pop to the shops. The service is available 10.15am - 2.30pm Monday to Friday (not Bank Holidays).

<https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/cms/content/oxfordshire-comet>

Humpty Hill - 9/7/16

The Independent Examiner who is currently inspecting the Faringdon Neighbourhood Plan has concluded that, having read through the various elements of information about the proposed designation of Humpty Hill as Local Green Space (Policy 4:10D), it is necessary to hold a hearing in order to ensure adequate examination of this issue. The hearing is open to members of the public to attend, but only invited participants will be permitted to take part in discussions, one of those being the Town Council.

The hearing has been set for Monday, 18 July 2016 in the Jubilee Room, The Pump House, Market Place, Faringdon from 1.30 pm – 5.30 pm.

Town Council is required to submit a written statement prior to the hearing; this statement is currently being drawn up for approval by the Town Council Planning & Highways Committee at its meeting next Tuesday and a copy will be circulated to members of the FNP Steering Group in due course.

For further information:

[Faringdon Examination Hearing Notice Vale of District White Horse Council](#)

[Vale of White Horse District Council Public Consultation](#)

Portwell Angel? - 9/7/16

Can anyone tell me what's happened to the Portwell Angel? Every time I walk by it is shut, day and night. Has it closed down?

Thanks, Craig

Humpty Hill - Faringdon Neighbourhood Plan public hearing- 9/7/16

If you thought the housing proposal for Humpty Hill had already been dealt repeated death blows- as I did - first by the Secretary of State's intervention, and second, having been declared a town green in December 2015, following the work of committed local volunteers- then maybe someone should tell the Independent Examiner of Faringdon Neighbourhood Plan!? For reasons that are unclear, Andrew Ashcroft MRTPI has called a public oral hearing on the issue of Humpty Hill. It is to take place on 18th July at the Pump House, and he has invited Faringdon Town Council, the Vale District Council & Gladman to take part.....?

Anna Hoare

Faringdon Sensory Garden Project Website - 8/7/16

Our website is now live and can be located at <http://faringdonsensorygarden.org.uk/>

Here you can find out all about the project and keep up to date with our news on the Blog page.

Many thanks

Mel Lane

Faringdon Sensory Garden Project Manager

Last hospital beds in Wantage Hospital to close indefinitely- 7/7/16

The last hospital beds in Wantage are set to close indefinitely in the next few days after 89 years. Oxford Health NHS Foundation Trust is closing the inpatient ward at Wantage Community Hospital over fears there could be an outbreak of legionella bacteria in the water system. An Oxfordshire-wide public health consultation starting this autumn will determine the future of all community hospitals, including whether the ward at Wantage will reopen. Oxford Health announced in April it would cease admissions to the inpatient beds on July 1, and confirmed yesterday that last patients are due to be discharged in the coming days.

http://www.oxfordmail.co.uk/news/14603929.Wantage_39_s_last_hospital_beds_to_close_indefinitely_in_the_coming_days/?ref=mr&lp=20

The Big Health and Care Conversation - 7/7/16

This consultation is open from 4 Jul 2016 at 00:00 to 12 Aug 2016 at 23:59.

You are invited to have a say on how health care is delivered in Oxfordshire.

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To find out about the events or to have your say, please click

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

The events are drop-in sessions and do not require you to book.

Please feel free to share this email, with anyone who works or lives in Oxfordshire.

Thank you.

- [Participate in this consultation](#)

Police and Crime Commissioner launches online survey- 7/7/16

The Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC), Anthony Stansfeld, is seeking your views on policing and crime to help inform his next Police and Crime Plan.

The Police and Crime Plan sets out the PCCs priorities and objectives for the Thames Valley. From this plan, the Chief Constable of Thames Valley Police and other partners will develop their own annual service delivery plans.

If you would like to share your views and help inform the next Plan then please visit www.thamesvalley-pcc.gov.uk/survey to complete our short survey.

Police and Crime Commissioner, Anthony Stansfeld said: 'An important part of my role as PCC is to engage with local communities. This survey gives people the opportunity to tell us what is important to them. Their response can help shape the direction of the next Police and Crime Plan and I encourage anyone living or working in the Thames Valley to complete it.'

The survey can be found at www.thamesvalley-pcc.gov.uk/survey and will be open until 30 September 2016.

Paper copies can also be requested by emailing pcc@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk or calling 01865 846780.

As well as the online survey the Office of the PCC (OPCC) will be attending events across the Thames Valley to engage with communities face to face. For details of events the OPCC will be attending, visit www.thamesvalley-pcc.gov.uk/news-and-events/events-calendar/

HealthCheck Survey- 5/7/16

Oxfordshire County Council is keen to find out about the use made of certain health services and to look at ways to support future take up. We would be grateful for your views and the questionnaire will take about 5 -10 minutes to complete.

The survey is being undertaken according to the Market Research Society Code of Conduct, and all of your answers and information will be treated as anonymous.

To take part in the survey, [please click this link](#)

GRANTS UP TO £1000 AVAILABLE FOR COMMUNITY GROUPS - 4/7/16

Groundwork has joined forces with local retailer, One Stop to support communities through the **Carriers for Causes** grant scheme. Community groups can apply for funding grants of up to £1000 towards a variety of local projects. The money raised from the government's 5p bag charge in England will be used by One Stop to pay for local community projects across the UK such as organising community events like a fun day, or summer youth camp or purchasing sports equipment for local clubs. Groundwork will be administering the rolling programme, meaning that groups can apply for funding all year round to help their local community grow. Applicant projects must be within two miles of a One Stop store and demonstrate community need.

To apply or find out more information visit the website:<http://www.groundwork.org.uk/Pages/Category/Carriers-for-Causes-uk>

Tell us what you think of NHS services in Oxfordshire- 4/7/16

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Damon Palmer, Programme Director, said “*We really want the public to be partners with us in this process. We want parents, teenagers, patients, carers and people that work in the county to tell us their views about how we can improve NHS services in Oxfordshire. We cannot afford to continue providing services in the way we have done in the past. Together we need to rethink how we deliver health and social care services.*”

The Big Conversation Roadshows are being held on:

- Tuesday 12 July, 6pm – 9pm, at Banbury Town Hall
- Monday 18 July, 6pm – 9pm, at The Beacon in Wantage
- Thursday 21 July, 6pm – 9pm, at Oxford Town Hall
- Tuesday 26 July, 2pm – 5pm, at St Mary’s Church, Wallingford
- Thursday 28 July, 2pm – 5pm, at the Littlebury Hotel, Bicester
- Thursday 4 August, 11am – 2pm, Methodist Church, Witney

Screening opinion. Housing South of Park Road P16/V1691/SCR- 2/7/16

Extract '*For the purposes of this Screening Request, the LPA should assume that the revised scheme now proposed will take the form of a Hybrid application for up to c.465 residential units, a primary school, public open space and associated infrastructure, with new access from Park Road. The residential dwellings would generally be two-storey in height, although there may be scope for 2½ -3 storey dwellings in appropriate locations close to Park Road. It is anticipated that approximately 100 dwellings will be applied for in Full and the remainder (including the school) in Outline, as part of a single Hybrid planning application.*

For the avoidance of doubt, unlike extant scheme P13/V/0709/O the proposed development that is the subject of this Screening Request is unlikely to include an Extra Care Facility, or the Rogers’ Concrete employment area. An alternative site access (type and position) from Park Road is being sought, subject to further modelling.

www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/java/support/dynamic_serve.jsp?ID=577856269&CODE=6AD1D2496082390990313EA2968355FE

The previous application was for 380 houses.

I haven't read it all but it looks as if traffic will be in bounds. No extra care housing. School still planned for Ed

Important Notice from Faringdon Town Council:- 1/7/16

Dear All, Please could you circulate the below to all parents , guardians and young people. Please ask them to be extra vigilant in all parks:

ATTENTION ALL PARENTS

TUCKERS PARK

FARINGDON

We have had a very worrying report that pins/small nails have been placed in the play equipment at Tuckers Park,to injure users. We will carry out a daily check but please check the equipment before use. There has also been an attempt to set light to the rubber matting.

The police have been informed.

Residents surrounding the park or any passers by are encouraged to call the police immediately if they hear or see any disturbance.

Call 101 to report something that has happened or Call 999 if it is a crime in progress.

Thank you.

Sally Thurston

Town Clerk

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www.faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk