

## New and Views June 2016

### Referendum - 30/6/16

Ignore my last post. Things move so fast in this topsy turvy world of ours. Anyone's guess as who will be the next Tory leader / PM . Ed Vaisey has nailed his colours to the Gove mast. No point in suggesting to him that Theresa May would make the best leader.

Peter Pettit

### Referendum - 29/6/16

Steve I am living with the result. We are leaving the EU. The issue is how we do - on what terms. This is where trying to influence the nature of those terms is pretty important. I think you would agree with that. Hence my observation about the need to become involved in the process whereby those terms are consensually determined. You can already see the respective contenders for Tory leader / Prime Minister offering different versions of what they would wish to see as an outcome of the negotiations with the EU. If you have your preferred view then I suggest you contact Ed Vaisey to make him aware of that. You can see already that he is of a mind to plump for either Boris Johnson or Theresa May. Perhaps you would be happy with either but if you have a decided preference then let him know.

Peter Pettit

### Population- 28/6/16

Interesting website [http://countrysmeters.info/en/United\\_Kingdom\\_\(UK\)](http://countrysmeters.info/en/United_Kingdom_(UK))

France population 64m Population density 117.5 per sq km

Germany 81m Density 227.6 per sq km

UK 65m Population 266.5 per sq km

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### Referendum - 28/6/16

Peter

I was a very reluctant Remain voter due to the entirely negative Remain campaign. I was surprised by the result but can live with it. I think it outrageous to suggest MPs hijack a democratic decision and maybe you should consider the affect of any such move on social cohesion etc that you worry about.

I didn't hear anyone complaining about

Styve Green

### Referendum- 28/6/16

Thank you Mark and 'Grumpy Old Man' for your observations. The politics of the post-referendum is now in full swing. It should be pretty clear that we are in a very fluid and fast evolving situation in which the meaning of the referendum result is being fiercely contested in Parliament , between politicians of all the major political parties and , this evening on the streets. Whilst the formal process of electing a new Tory leader / Prime Minister those in the 'race' propose differing responses to the management of Brexit. There is no unity of approach at this moment merely a market in different ones with each proponent eagerly seeking to attract support for their leadership bid. As you can see from his response our MP is leaning to either Boris Johnson or Theresa May. So here is a chance for you Mark and 'Grumpy Old Man' to let him know who you favour. Don't jus act as if voting in the referendum was enough get stuck in and help to determine what shape you would like Brexit to take. Meanwhile I will do my bit to argue for a renewal of our European membership through those democratic means that are available to me. Best of luck in your endeavours.

Peter Pettit

### Tucker Park and noise - 27/6/16

I have been thinking over the various responses to the noise issue, so looked it up on the internet, as you do. I have always been ashamed of my intolerance to loud noise, so was glad to find that it is quite a common problem, and nothing to do with people who want to spoil other people's fun.

*"Hyperacusis is the name for intolerance to everyday sounds that causes significant distress and affects a person's day-to-day activities.*

*The condition can vary quite a lot. For example, some people find loud noises extremely uncomfortable, some find certain noises particularly annoying, some develop a fear of certain noises, while others experience pain when hearing ordinary sounds.*

*Hyperacusis affects people of all ages and is quite common in children.*

*The condition may just be a minor nuisance for some, but for many it can have a major impact on their life"*

The Fun in the Park is not the only source of noise (loud fireworks, machinery, motorbikes to name but a few), and those of us who are affected by it are not all curmudgeonly old people or crying babies. So please do not be quite so dismissive. If anything can be done so that the Fun can continue but with less noise distress, I for one would be most grateful.

Mary Beck

### \*\*\* FREE CINEMA THIS WEEKEND! \*\*\*- 27/6/16

Not 1 but 4 FREE Secret Cinema screenings - Fri 1st - Sun 3rd July for the youth of the town @ The Regent Cinema in the Corn Exchange

Part of the amazing Ignite Youth Festival 2016

Tickets can be collected on the door and will be entered into a prize draw to win a tablet.

- Fri 1st - 0-5s (with help from the Children's Centre) 12.30-2.30pm - FREE lunch to be provided

- Fri 1st - 12-15s (free pizza!) 7.00pm-9.00pm
- Sat 2nd - 15-19s (free pizza) 8.00pm-10.00pm
- Sun 3rd - Family cinema 1.00pm-3.00pm (free sweets and refreshments)

For full list of workshops and activities see the Ignite Festival 2016 Facebook page.

All refreshments are being provided FREE of charge for each cinema screening ... so NO money required!!

Enquiries : 01367 242191

**Referendum- Response from Ed Vaisey - 27/6/16**

I thought that online readers might like to read Ed Vaisey's response to my contact with him.

*Thanks for contacting me about the outcome of the European Union referendum. I have had more than 200 emails asking about a second referendum, and more than 8000 people from the constituency appear to have signed the on-line petition calling for one.*

*I would love to reply to each of you individually, as many people have sent heartfelt and comprehensive emails. Rest assured I have read every one, but I am afraid I have to respond to all of you with this round robin.*

*As you know I campaigned for remain, and my constituency voted for it. The outcome is not what we wanted, but it is what it is. There will be no second referendum, nor would I feel comfortable calling for one, given the outcome. Nevertheless, those who have emailed me or signed the petition have not wasted their time – it gives me the support I need to press for the best deal possible.*

*My priority is to protect the jobs and economy in the Wantage constituency. Many companies and research here depends on the EU and we must protect it. Prominent Leavers are now coming forward with their approach, and I am pleased to see that continued engagement with the EU is very much on the cards.*

*We have some way to go. A new prime minister; negotiations with the European Union; and many other events could follow. I will, with your permission, communicate regularly with you. Your support for the European Union, and our relationship with it, is important, and as I say, your e-mail and support for the petition helps me a great deal in gauging the strength of feeling from the people I am privileged to represent.*

*Yours sincerely,*

*Ed Vaisey*

Peter Pettit

**Referendum - 27/6/16**

Peter you are entitled to your views which are no more or no less important than the views of anyone else .

650 MP'S elected to serve, do not have the democratic right to overrule the electorate that put them there. It would not be democratic .

The electorate had one vote each and every vote was equal ..

Accept the outcome and start being as democratic as you keep claiming to be ..

Name Supplied

**re- referendum - 27/6/16**

Peter.

You say you have accepted the referendum result, but in what you are writing to your MP about, shows you have not.

What you are advocating our MP does is not Democratic, but smacks of Dictatorship.

To call a free vote of all the people "an abject error" is in my opinion shameful.

Mark

**Re -referendum - 27/6/16**

Strange that remainers talk of democracy, but some are now trying to get their MP's to ignore the wishes of the people in a democratic vote. This is a very dangerous route to travel down, and would almost certainly lead to conflict.

Regards

Grumpy Old Man.

**Referendum - 27/6/16**

I can accept that the referendum result is as it is but politics does not cease after just one event , historic though it may have been. I write now in the context of a level of political , social and economic turmoil that is proving destructive of economic and social cohesion. Witness the literal chaos in the financial markets , an outbreak of pernicious xenophobia and racism and the sight of something approaching internecine strife within our political parties. As a citizen in cannot sit back and merely accept that what is is what is. I take that to be the politics of acquiescence and submissiveness. You are a citizen everyday not just one or two. To this end I have written to my MP as follows - others might care to do likewise either in support of or opposition to my views. That is the democratic right of all.

*Dear Ed,*

*I am sure you will be well aware of an article written in today's Guardian by Geoffrey Robertson. If not I thoroughly recommend it. I am doing as he suggests which is to write to you to encourage you to do exactly what your constituents voted you into Parliament to do - namely represent their interests. It must be apparent to all now that the prospect of Brexit is proving massively divisive and destabilising - truly a leap in the dark. The challenge for you as a strong Remain advocate is to recognise that pursuing brexit is and will be immensely damaging to the nation. You and your Remain MP colleagues have a clear majority in the H of C which should now be used at the first available opportunity to keep the UK in the EU. Failure to act in this truly democratic way will compound the abject error of holding the referendum in the first instance. Now is the time to show your true mettle and fight for what I know you regard as the best interests of all your constituents and the U.K. as a whole.*

*I stand prepared to support you in following this course of action. Many thousands of your constituents would do the same. In your constituency they are the majority.*

My Best Wishes

Peter Pettit

**Live @ The Park and FollyFest Sound Levels- 27/6/16**

Speaking as the former chair of FollyFest, its true we've never had noise complaints (to our knowledge) during the festival. I believe that this is because we always hired a company to set up and dismantle the stage and also to manage the sound levels throughout the event, i.e. a professional company using professional sound engineers. This is something which doesn't come cheap - in fact the FF stage and sound is over £4,000 a year - every year.

FollyFest is a not-for-profit event and everything it gains from sponsorship, grants, donations and companies retailing over the weekend is ploughed back into the event. It does not raise money for local charities and groups as Live at the Park does so perhaps we can't have it all but between the two events we've got things covered as much as possible.

Personally, I found the sound levels last year horrendous but much better this year and having the fairground there is an inspired decision.

Running an event such as this, as I know very well, takes time, effort, slavish devotion to your cause, a certain amount of thick skin and a keen sense of humour. I salute anyone who does it as well as the committee at Live in the Park and my former team-mates at FollyFest.

I feel deeply for those who came home from hospital and were disturbed and for parents of fractious babies missing their sleep and I sincerely hope you're all now recovering.

Its only twice a year. The committees are dedicated people doing their best for as many members of the community as they can. Please support them. Until the Arts Festival was resurrected in 2003 or 4, there had been a drought in terms of community entertainment. Now we have Live at the Park, FollyFest, Ignite, a Cinema, Festive Faringdon and probably tons more I've forgotten.

Rather the odd weekend of inconvenience than a year in the dark again!

Love, light and peace!

Mel Lane

**Tucker Park noise - 27/6/16**

I have to admit I am one of the people who complained about the noise, both to the Vale council and to the football club. South Oxon has just rung me for more details, so I feel I should record what I said to them. I wonder whether there is more noise from Tucker Park because it is on an open slope, which acts like an amplifier. If, in addition, the wind (not that there was much) is in the south, the noise travels even further. I also wonder whether the reason we don't hear so much noise from the market square is because it is in a kind of bowl, with noise being absorbed by the buildings. Perhaps therefore the solution is for the football club to hold its party in the market square, if this can be arranged. I don't at all want to stop people from having fun in their own way, but perhaps some kind of re-think is in order.

Mary Beck

**RE: Tucker's Park Glastonbury festival.- 27/6/16**

The music appears louder as the park is a more open space and the wind direction contributes. The market place contains the sound more by the buildings all surrounding the area.

It is just a long weekend once a year for charity. Seriously is there not enough things to moan about in life at the moment than a good bunch of folk trying to do something positive in the town.

It really was not that bad and finished when it should. My only sadness at the event was the rain gatecrashing it.

Rob Perkins

**Tucker's Park Glastonbury festival.- 27/6/16**

Same sort of response I got from the Environmental Services dept at the VWHDC. Pointed out that the organiser had said that the volume would be less than last year and yet you could hear it clear as in Coxwell Road and Gloucester Street.

There is another festival held in the Market Place each year that attracts no complaints. How come they can get it right. Why does it matter if it's a charity event or not?

Entertain the public in front of you by all means, but try not to upset those elsewhere. Children trying to sleep, shiftworkers and elderly shouldn't be having to put up with excess noise. Other towns all around here manage it

Surely the blame lies at the organisers of the Tucker's Park party. Are they up to the task? Perhaps they should liaise with those that organise the Market Place show.

Name Supplied

**Tucker's Park Glastonbury festival.- 26/6/16**

I'm more than happy to speak to anybody in person, if you'd like to contact me please feel free. Contact details can easily be found if you try. You can publish my name I don't mind, it's me Joel Francis ;-)

**Tucker's Park Glastonbury festival.- 27/6/16**

Why are people so upset about the 'Party in the Park' it's once a year, it's loud, it makes money for Charity, for goodness sake, put up and shut up, some people actually like music and go out and have fun, so don't moan about it just remember that other people live in Faringdon too.

Name supplied.

**Re- EU Referendum**.- 27/6/16

Please - not here as well!

Individual's views are now irrelevant; the majority have spoken.

Sniping either way is counter-productive.

We must get on with what we have.

Name supplied

**Re- EU Referendum**.- 27/6/16

Sorry Peter we don't share your views. All of my family, and I are overjoyed that we are leaving the EU. We had a democratic vote and the Remain camp lost. Just like an election there is a winning party and losers. It is called Democracy. We don't always get the result we want

Regards Mark

**Tuckers park noise**- 26/6/16

Yes you are right they said it was going to be 50% less noise but it is worse just like last year can it be looked at local residents cannot rest

Name supplied

**EU referendum** - 25/6/16

First congratulations to all who voted in the EU referendum. We were asked to have our say and across the Vale of the White Horse 81.2% voted. As an area the vote was to Remain in the EU - a view with which I concurred. Naturally I feel very disappointed at the outcome of the vote which, it is already apparent, has sown the seeds of division within the UK.

I for one will now be looking for ways to 'to take back control' of my country and reassert its place within the European family. I know others feel the same.

Peter Pettit

**Tucker's Park Glastonbury festival**.- 25/6/16

Last year the sound levels were bad but this year on the same night its even more dreadful. So much for halving the system. Must be in Tesco the other bit as in the Goodlake Avenue area it's very loud!

So Joel Francis what is going on. Thank goodness it's off at 2300 as having just got home from hospital I am tired sore and disappointed.

When music is played down the Market Place it is never this bad. Why is it that Tucker's can't get it right.

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**Gravel Walk resurfacing** - 24/6/16

Oxfordshire County Council have sceduled to resurface Gravel Walk in August

- at least that is what I saw on a Highways works schedule recently

Ed

**Faringdon in Bloom 9th and 10th of July**- 24/6/16

Judging for Best Large Garden, Best Small Garden, Best Allotment, Best Basket/Box, Best Business window display and Best Junior Miniature Garden will take place this weekend.

Junior miniature gardens must be delivered to the Town Council in the Pump Rooms by 11am on the 10th of July for judging.

contact Adele Vincent [adele@faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:adele@faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk) to enter

**Bus 67 and 67A- Wantage/Faringdon use it or lose it-** 22/6/16

Thames Travel have released the new timetable effective from 25th July. It will run for 6 months.

Please please please make sure you actually use this service as it is on a use it or lose it policy

This is one of the major routes for local villagers and having it scrapped means that pensioners and other residents without use of own transport can't get out to do shopping or visit health care professionals, not to mention students of Faringdon Community College and Swindon College who use the 67 route to get to and from their studies on a weekday

Name Supplied

**\*\*\* Don't Panic!!! \*\*\***- 22/6/16

"Dad's Army" (PG)

THIS Friday 24th June -

Join us at The Regent Community Cinema, Corn Exchange, Faringdon

Doors 7pm, film 7.30pm

Tickets available on the door £4 Adults, £3 U18s, £10 Family

...there may be a little War time sing a long while we wait for the film to start!

**Live @ The Park in Tucker Park 24th and 25th June** - 21/6/16

You may be aware that Faringdon Town F.C. will be holding Live @ The Park in Tucker Park to raise funds for local charities on Friday evening June 24th from 7pm until 11.00pm and Saturday June 25th from 12.00pm until 11.00pm.

There are many activities for both adults and children taking place during the day on Saturday and local bands playing live music both Friday evening and Saturday so there will be something for all the family to enjoy.

As a Faringdon resident we understand that this event may cause some disturbance to your normal weekend routine. We have been working closely with the Vale of White Horse environment team to keep this disturbance to a minimum. Due to issues with noise on the Friday last year we have halved the sound system capacity and changed the way the sound will be monitored during the event we ask you to bear with us for this charity event.

You are of course welcome to attend and entry is free.

We look forward to seeing you and hope you enjoy your day.

Joel Francis

### **More to find in the Folly Tower and Woodland.** - 17/6/16

There are more little woodland creatures to find in the Folly Woodland- a field mouse and a mole and a rather frightened looking hare. See if you can find them.

Have your photo taken looking through the new heart

It's rumoured that there is a giraffe in the Folly woodland. Anyone found it?

The Tower is open on 19th June 11am-5pm

Folly Friend

### **A Night at the Movies Saturday June 18th-** 16/6/16

An evening of unforgettable evening of iconic songs from the Silver Screen

Wantage Academy Brass and Ferndale Community Choir

All Saints Church 7.30pm

Tickets £8, £6, £1 from The Quad, Market Place, Faringdon O1367 602009 or Regent Arcade Bookshop, Wantage and Bretts Chemist in Grove

Includes a glass of wine or a soft drink

### **New Health service for eyes from July 2016-** 16/6/16

Oxfordshire Minor Eye Conditions Service (MECS)

Registered optometry practices (Opticians) offering the service are listed on the reverse [of this leaflet](#). *An appointment will normally be required, so phone first. Appointments at Haine and Smith in Faringdon are available on Wednesdays and Thursdays- but you can book these at anytime. If you wish you can go to a different optician for this service.*

Minor eye conditions that can be treated by the service include:

- Red eye or eyelids
- Dry, gritty, irritable and uncomfortable eyes
- Significant recent sticky or watery discharge from the eye
- Recently occurring flashes and/or floaters
- Painful eye including pain with bright lights
- Ingrowing eyelashes
- Recent and sudden change in vision
- Foreign body in the eye
- Unusual eye appearance (lumps and bumps)

Please note this is not an eyesight test

Some eye conditions are better suited to immediate referral to eye casualty – please ask your optometrist, pharmacist or GP if unsure

NOTE: This Minor Eye Conditions service is not for major eye conditions such as cataracts, diabetic retinopathy or glaucoma.

For more information on the Oxfordshire Minor Eye Conditions Service see: [www.oxfordshireloc.org.uk/public/minor/](http://www.oxfordshireloc.org.uk/public/minor/)

### **Tesco Bags of Help Grants. Deadline extended** - 14/6/16

Bags of Help funding scheme eligibility checker, I wanted to let you know that due to a lack of applications in your region (the South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse areas), the deadline for applications has been extended to this Sunday – 19th June 2016.

The fact that the scheme is undersubscribed in your area during this round means that it's a great time to apply for this funding! There will be less competition this time round, and therefore a much higher chance of your project being awarded a grant of either £8,000, £10,000, or £12,000.

So if you've got any kind of outdoor or green space improvement project ideas that you'd like funding for, then please do apply as soon as possible.

The application form, as well as more information about the scheme, can be found at:

<http://www.groundwork.org.uk/Sites/tescocommunityscheme>

### **VWHDC Local Plan** - 14/6/16

Please find attached the second bulletin of the Vale of White Horse Local Plan.

This bulletin provides a short summary of the Planning Inspector's Interim Findings on the Local Plan 2031 Part 1, which were published recently. It also provides an update on progress of Neighbourhood Development Plans across the district.

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**MID-SUMMER CELEBRATION - FRIDAY 24 JUNE**- 13/6/16

Marquee at The Snooty Mehmaan. Ticket includes Welcome Drink, 3 Course Buffet, Dancing to Boogie Me, 7pm to mid-night - Dress Smart Casual  
Attendance by advance ticket purchase £35 available from Roddy Benson 01367 243864.  
Proceeds to Riding for the Disabled Southmoor

**BUSCOT RUN - 5k & 10k - SUNDAY 3rd JULY** - 13/6/16

The annual Buscot Run organised by Faringdon Rotary will take place this year on Sunday 3rd July in the beautiful setting of Buscot Park whilst the park is closed by kind permission of Lord Faringdon.  
Run over 5k and 10k the course has been accurately measured using GPS and runs right past the front door of Buscot House, through formal parkland, woods and around open fields on a mix of gravel and tarmac. Water stations will be at strategic locations. The 5k race will start at 9.30am and the 10k at 10.30am.  
Whether you're a serious runner or just jog for enjoyment, if you would like to enrol for either race, you can register with PayPal on our website: [www.faringdonrotaryclub.co.uk](http://www.faringdonrotaryclub.co.uk) For further details call Roddy Benson 01367 243864.  
All proceeds go to our charity projects, most of which are local.  
Mike Bell

**Coffee and refreshments at The Folly**- 13/6/16

Find out when Jane will be at the Folly with Mr Hoppy.  
<https://www.facebook.com/search/top/?q=stay%20grounded>

**Thames Valley Police Neighbourhood policing**- 13/6/16

For this months update see <http://www.thamesvalley.police.uk/yournh/yournh-tvp-pol-area/yournh-tvp-pol-area-soxon-vowh/yournh-tvp-pol-area-n378>

**This Saturday 18th June!**- 13/6/16

**Coffee, Crafts and Company in aid of Prospect Hospice**

Faringdon Old Town Hall Market Place SN7 7HL  
With table top sale of pre-loved items. Any crafts or bric-a-brac to donate?  
Contact: Tracey Collen 01367 242327  
Organised by the Faringdon Friends of Prospect Hospice Fundraising Support Group

**Regent Cinema @ The Corn Exchange this Friday evening - 17th June!** - 13/6/16

French film with English subtitles:  
"Les Choristes" (12) - Drama, Music  
The new teacher at a severely administered boys' boarding school works to positively affect the students' lives through music.  
Tickets available on the door: £4 Adults, £3 Children, £10 Family  
More info: 01367 242191  
The Twinning Association will be providing refreshments before the film and during the interval. Licensed bar too!

**Thankyou**- 13/6/16

Thank you so much to everyone who supported, volunteered at and provided for the Scout BBQ on Saturday - we raised £296 for Scouting in Faringdon which is an amazing amount, much needed and received with much gratitude.  
Thank you!  
Faith Carpenter

**VWHDC consultations** - 12/6/15

Sign up to be on the consultation list  
<http://www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/news/2016/2016-06/councils-reviewing-how-they-engage-residents>

**Re: Housing** - 11/6/16

I was trying not to be too verbose on this subject. The planning application is P15/V0394/O on the VWHDC website. The solution the developers have come to is at [http://www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/java/support/dynamic\\_serve.jsp?ID=570150390&CODE=219075FDEDF49AED0440C2948B5A8A35](http://www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/java/support/dynamic_serve.jsp?ID=570150390&CODE=219075FDEDF49AED0440C2948B5A8A35).  
I personally find it a little confusing so I shortened it to "They've found their own solution".  
Green Witch

**Queen's Birthday Street Party - 12-3pm today!**- 11/6/16

Al Cane is now playing sweet tunes in the markets place...the Scouts' BBQ is lit and the Corn Exchange is being made to look wonderful with delicious FREE food for all! Let's join together and celebrate the Queen's Birthday with fun and laughter in our community! BBQ selling Burgers and Hot Dogs for £2 (please bring change... Al asks!)  
Faringdon Tourist Information Centre

**Queen at the Corn Exchange**- 11/6/16

Super evening at the Corn Exchange yesterday. Lots of Freddy Mercury moustaches and a tribute act from Dominic and Adrian ( think that is his name)

Thankyou to Faringdon Town Council and particularly Billie from the Tourist Information Centre for organising it.  
All a bit wacky!  
Old Faringdonian

**Re Housing** - 11/6/16

A puzzling statement, that "Aldi, Waitrose etc. are in a position to make their own arrangements". How can they do that when they are in Thames Water area, can they by-pass the local sewerage arrangements?  
Just curious.  
name supplied

**Faringdon Pharmacy-** 11/6/16

We are so fortunate to have a pharmacy in Faringdon that opens such long hours- 6 days a week till 11pm and til 13.05 on Sundays  
I'm sure there's a good reason for delayed opening at times. Best ask James  
Local Yokel

**Faringdon Pharmacy-** 11/6/16

We have found the staff and owner in particular extremely helpful  
He is working long hours and just moved premises a little understanding and perhaps the a polite question to James would determine why he is not open at 7  
Monica Graham

**Faringdon pharmacy-** 10/6/16

I have been down to pharmacy on many occasions at 7-15am and they have not been open so annoying as you have to make another journey back the opening time states 7-00am why is this not opening on time has any one else experienced this problem?  
Name supplied

**Message from Thames Valley Police** - 10/6/16

A short message for our communities in South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse, sent on behalf of Local Police Area Commander Superintendent Rory Freeman:  
Over the last six months there have been several tragic events in South Oxfordshire and Vale of the White Horse and I wanted to take a moment to reflect on these.  
We are one community and I, my officers, my staff, and indeed the entire Force, have also been impacted by these tragedies, as our communities have been.  
Although the past months have been challenging, I have been deeply impressed by the strength and resilience shown by the communities in the face of these tragedies.  
Thank you; without your help, your bravery and your support we wouldn't be able to do our jobs.  
It is our priority to disrupt and deal with the organised and violent crime that we have unfortunately seen recently, and which isn't reflective of our community.  
I would like to reassure you that we will continue to work tirelessly to protect our communities from harm, to prevent crime and bring offenders to justice.  
Superintendent Rory Freeman  
To watch the video of this message, please follow this link to the Thames Valley Police YouTube page: <https://youtu.be/PsplpXDU1nk>

**Gardening tools-** 10/6/16

I have just discovered that you can get your gardening tools sharpened if you take them to the fishing tackle shop in Faringdon.  
At last!  
Mary Beck

**Housing-** 8/6/16

The reason that Bloor Homes has not started the proposed development you asked about is because Thames Water will not allow the properties in any new housing development to be connected to the sewerage system until it has been significantly upgraded. This upgrade is necessary as the current system is at full capacity and we have been told the work will not take place until next year at the earliest owing to the way Thames Water's major projects are funded. So it's not a case of the development being abandoned but rather being put on hold until Faringdon has a sewerage system that can accept what we expect to be a large number of new homes and, of course, the promised primary school.  
Andrew Marsden  
Chair of the Planning and Highways Committee  
Faringdon Town Council

**BUSCOT PARK ARCHERS - BEGINNERS COURSE-** 8/6/16

Buscot Park Archers will be running an archery beginners course in late June/early July. The aim of the course is to teach students how to shoot safely and independently, and will be held over five sessions at our field.  
These will be from 6:30 to 8:30 on Monday 20 June, Thursday 23 June, Monday 27 June, Thursday 30 June and Monday 4 July. The course is led by fully-qualified coaches and is suitable for ages 8-80. Adult places are £60 each and junior ones £40 each. Juniors are 8 to under 18 years of age.

To book your place, please contact the club secretary, Pete Wright, at [secretary@buscotparkarchers.org.uk](mailto:secretary@buscotparkarchers.org.uk) or on 01367 240 095. Alternatively, visit our website at [www.buscotparkarchers.org.uk](http://www.buscotparkarchers.org.uk) to find out more about this fascinating family sport.

### **Re Housing** - 8/6/16

As I understand it, there cannot be any houses or school built there or other sites until Thames Water have upgraded our overloaded water and sewage systems. The development opposite for Aldi, Waitrose etc are in a position to make their own arrangements.

Green Witch

### **New Posters** - 8/6/16

I've just added to the [Poster Notice Board](#)

Open Access- Youth sessions at the Pump House

Memory Support Group 1st and 3rd Mondays at the Pump House

Parenting and Carers sessions at the Rookery

Ed

### **Housing** - 8/6/16

Can anyone please tell me what is happening about the proposed Bloor development of homes and an additional primary school off park road on faringdon? There was lots of talk but it has now

Gone quiet....

Kate Williams

### **Queens's 90th birthday. Afternoon Tea and entertainment** - 7/6/16

Sunday 12th June 2pm-4pm

Phone Faringdon community Information Centre, 01367 240281 to book your place. Places are limited

### **Queens Birthday events in Faringdon-** 7/6/16

**Regent Cinema.** Fri 10/6/16 Queen live at Wembley Stadium, 7pm for 7.30pm. Free.

**Street Party** Sat 11/6/16 12 noon until 3pm. In the Corn Exchange, and beyond if the weather is good

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### **'All Saints' in Bloom'**- 7/6/16

During the Queen's 90th birthday celebrations this coming weekend, All Saints church which will be full of flowers

It will be open between 10.00am & 5.00pm on Sat 11th, and 2.00pm & 5.00pm on Sun 12th.

Tea and cake will be served in the Barber Rooms.

Jeni Summerfield

### **Coach Lane Cemetery-** 5/6/16

I'm not sure who is responsible for the coach lane cemetery ? BUT it's looking extremely bad right now ! It is not normally the most loved looking Cemetery but it really is horrible to visit right now . My mum and Dad are in the far right corner by the drive and others seem to find it difficult to take their waste to the bins and instead decide that right next to my mum and Dads grave is a very good place !! ( I am forever clearing and tidying ) other peoples rubbish . Could we not have it completely tidied and have a bench there so people can sit for a while with their loved ones ? I'm willing to pay ! also while im on this subject could we please have some kind of pathway through the walkways even if its just stepping stones ( don't like farming in the winter ) ! . I was brought up in Faringdon by Faringdon parents who taught me I should respect my elders and those who have passed away ..... Maybe the Cemetery could do the same ?

Lorraine Carter

*Ed; This is the All Saints Church cemetery. I know the Town Council maintain the Churchyard but I think there's a Trust connected with All Saints that has responsibility for Coach Lane. Perhaps the Town Council knows, or - there used to be a board giving info and rules- maybe that has contact info.*

### **Regent Cinema Friday 10th June 'Queen' -** 4/6/16

WOW!!! We've just been given the go-ahead to open the doors of The Regent Cinema for FREE for our Queen's Birthday celebrations!

Friday 10th June, doors 7pm, film 7.30pm.

(If you have bought a ticket, please do pop into the Info Centre with your ticket for a refund)

Folly Bear

### **Display local crafts** - 3/6/16

I have a property in London St with a retail frontage and have been considering applying to turn it back in to a retail usage. I would like to display and sell works for local crafts people, either through renting out a small area or by selling the works and getting a small percentage of them as payment. If any of you know any crafts people who could do with a retail outlet then please contact me on 01367 243409.

Suzie

### **Stagecoach Theatre Arts in Faringdon - 3/6/16**

I am really excited to announce that I am setting up a brand new Stagecoach Theater Arts School in Faringdon for children aged between 4 and 18 years. If your child or children love singing, dancing and acting, they can do it all under one roof with us. We opening in September and will be based at Faringdon Junior School.

For more information the website is also up and running

[www.stagecoach.co.uk/faringdon](http://www.stagecoach.co.uk/faringdon)

You can also check out our new facebook page

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

Thank you

James Barker

Principal Stagecoach Faringdon 'Creative Courage for Life'.

### **Faringdon Town Councillor Vacancy - 2/6/16**

See the poster on the Home page of this site. Closing date is tomorrow, 3rd June

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### **Full Time deputy Town Clerk, Faringdon Town Council.- 2/6/16**

See <http://faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk/council/job-vacancies/>

Closing date 30th June. Interviews 11/7/16

### **South Central Ambulance service Survey - 2/6/16**

I would be grateful if you could pass on our request to complete our anonymous annual Patient Care Survey to your PPGs and other contacts so they can tell us about their experience of care from South Central Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust Information is submitted anonymously via [www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/QQ53M3G](http://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/QQ53M3G)

**Deadline for submitting the survey: Monday 11 July 2016.**

It is important that SCAS, as a NHS Foundation Trust, takes account of feedback and views from members in our local communities who have used/use our emergency and non-emergency services.

I would be grateful if you could also spare a few of minutes to complete our survey; it's easy, straightforward and above all an opportunity for you to tell us what you think about our services.

Please don't hesitate to call me on 01869 365126 for more information, or email [getinvolved@scas.nhs.uk](mailto:getinvolved@scas.nhs.uk).

Membership, Engagement and Marketing Support Officer [www.southcentralambulance.nhs.uk](http://www.southcentralambulance.nhs.uk)

*Ed: Do complete this, it doesn't take long. It is well known that the ambulance service has great difficulty reaching Faringdon people within the designated response times. If you had to wait longer than you should have, do mention you live in/around Faringdon*

### **Filming at the Great Barn- 2/6/16**

They are on location there for a Sky1 movie called The Last Dragon Slayer which will be shown at Christmas. Filming there is only for this week and a few famous names are in it such as Ricky Tomlinson, Pauline Collins & Ricky Gervais. Apparently Ricky Gervais has been out & about in town according to people on the I Live in Faringdon FB page.

<https://corporate.sky.com/media-centre/news-page/2016/sky1-announces-brand-new-christmas-drama-the-last-dragonslayer>

Julie Griffiths

### **Plant Sale, 14 Fernham Road - 2/6/16**

Raising money for for Help for Heroes.

I have seeds for peas/beans if folk want to try and "grow their own" I also have some plants that will need winter protection but will give years of service if looked after.

I shall keep going for another couple of weeks, as I have things in the greenhouse that will need "hardening off" before they can go out on the stall.

Val Hudspeth

### **Wicklesham Quarry- 1/6/16**

In the examination of Part One of the Local Plan 2031, the Vale of White Horse District Council referred to its allocation of employment land for Faringdon- which does NOT include Wicklesham Quarry - and stated:

"no clear or persuasive evidence has been submitted to the Council to demonstrate or indeed promote any alternative sites".

Andrew Ashcroft MRTPI has been appointed to examine Faringdon Neighbourhood Plan, after the original Independent Examiner declined to re-examine it. A recent update on the campaign to PROTECT WICKLESHAM QUARRY FROM DEVELOPMENT 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/16740710>

Please add your name to the hundreds of people who are trying to save Faringdon's most important national site.

Anna Hoare

### **Pat Thomas Butcher- 1/6/16**

Firstly thank you for all of the positive comments and for customers who have spoken with us directly. The environmental health have an important job but on the occasion they visited Pat Thomas Butchers Ltd we were away on holiday. We operate an open door policy so should you have any questions please come along and speak with us.

Peter & Tara Sharps

**Filming at the Great Barn?**- 1/6/16

Does anyone know what film is being made in the Tythe Barn in Great Coxwell? I popped in there over the weekend and saw various props including a mockup of a throne, oversized Aladdin's lamps, etc. It looks like a film or series is being shot there, e.g. Game of Thrones or something similar...

Anthony Field

**Re: Meat hung 45 days**- 1/6/16

Thanks for your reply, Grumpy.

For those who only have experience of typical supermarket meat, meat hung for extended periods of time develops more intense flavour and becomes more tender due to natural enzyme action. It also shrinks due to evaporation, further intensifying the flavour.

Butchers, particularly good ones like Pete and his staff, not only offer a far wider range of cuts than supermarkets, they can advise on using less expensive cuts like shin, skirt or brisket to produce a truly tasty meal.

Dave R