

Former Faringdon resident publishes her new historical novel- 25/10/16

Many people in Faringdon will remember Dorinda Balchin. Dorinda moved to Faringdon with her husband and two young children in 1989 and was a regular member of the congregation at All Saints Church, as well as serving on the Parochial Church Council for a number of years. But more people will probably remember Dorinda from her time at Faringdon Community College where she was head of the Religious Education Department from 1995 until 2008. Dorinda also introduced fencing to the school and coached an after school club there for many years.

[Read more](#)

Survey about volunteering-25/10/16

Our survey seeks to understand the views and experiences of volunteers in the district.

Vale of White Horse District Council is looking at ways to encourage more people to volunteer in the district.

If you already volunteer, we'd like to hear from you. We're interested to know why you volunteer, what you do, how often and what you think would make it easier for more people to volunteer in the future.

And if you don't already volunteer you can still complete this survey to tell us what can be done to help you or others to do this in the future.

To complete the survey, please follow this [link](#). Responses can be submitted until Monday 21 November.

Yours sincerely,

Phillip Vincent

Corporate Consultation Officer

Vale of White Horse District Council

Disappointing bike thefts- 24/10/16

Sad to report two bikes taken from the side of my shop (Two Wheels Better) on Coxwell St today. Neither was particularly valuable although I will have to pay for one of them that belonged to a customer. It was probably the teenager who tried to take my sons's scooter last week (I pursued him to Tesco and demanded it back). If anyone notices an Apollo XC26 or Raleigh 'Cassis' lying about please post here or call me on 07770 166493

Cheers, Guy

Two Wheels Better

Thomas the Tank Engine - 24/10/16

Look Out for Father Christmas & Thomas the Tank Engine

Thursday/Friday 1/2 December - Watchfield

Saturday 3 December - Faringdon Market Square, Lights-On

Monday/Tuesday 5/6 December - Shrivenham

Wednesday 7 December - Faringdon (Orchard Hill, Westland Road, Highworth Road, The Pines)

Thursday 8 December - Uffington, Fernham, Little Coxwell

Friday 9 December - Clanfield

Saturday 10 December – Faringdon (Bloor Estate, Park Road, Bromsgrove)

Monday/Tuesday 12/13 December – Stanford-in-the-Vale

Thursday 15 December – Longcot, Watchfield

Saturday 17 December – Faringdon (Stanford Road, Tuckers Road, Berners Way, etc)

Monday/Tuesday 19/20 December - Southmoor & Kingston Bagpuize

Wednesday 21 December – Faringdon (Sandshill, Marlborough Gardens)

Thursday 22 December – Faringdon (Coleshill Drive, Fernham Road, Fernham Gate & Great

Coxwell)
Friday 23 December – Hatford, Buckland, Littleworth)

Re Link To Hope - Toys. - 24/10/16

We have finished doing the boxes. But we will still accept the toys for next years boxes. We collect items all the year round

Beryl Atkin

Planning applications - 24/10/16

The council has received a planning application, reference P16/V0775/O, for development work at the following location: Land South of Highworth Road Faringdon

The application is for: Outline application for residential development of about 200 houses. <http://www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/java/support/Main.jsp?MODULE=ApplicationDetails&REF=P16/V0775/O>

The council has approved a planning application, reference P16/V1791/RM, for development work at the following location: Fernham Fields Faringdon

The application is for: Erection of 111 dwellings, open space, landscaping and associated works (Approval of reserved matters to be read in conjunction with outline application P13/V0139/O). (As amended by Drawings accompanying agent's letter dated 15 September 2016, agents email dated 5 October 2016 and agents emailed dated 13 October

2016) <http://www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/java/support/Main.jsp?MODULE=ApplicationDetails&REF=P16/V1791/RM>

Planning application withdrawal. 70 houses, land at Highworth

Road. <http://www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/java/support/Main.jsp?MODULE=ApplicationDetails&REF=P13/V1653/O>

Changes to how you pay for parking in VWHDC - 24/10/16

South Oxfordshire and the Vale of White Horse district councils are changing the service they use for people to pay for their car parking by mobile phone.

From 1 November, users of district council car parks will be able to pay by mobile using the new Connect Cashless system – this replaces the RingGo service, which has been available since 2014. People can still also pay by cash.

Car park users can quickly and easily register a Connect account with a call to provide payment details – one text later and they're all set up.

Every time they visit the car park from then on, they will only need to make a phone call or send a single text to pay for their parking. There's more information at www.connectcashlessparking.com

The new system has been launched as part of the wider Five Councils Partnership that has seen South and Vale team up with Hart, Mendip and Havant councils to save £40m over nine years by jointly contracting a wide range of services. As part of this arrangement car park management is now managed by Indigo.

Cllr Robert Sharp, cabinet member for the Five Councils Partnership at Vale of White Horse District Council, said: "The new Connect Cashless service is quick and easy to use – other than that, residents shouldn't see much difference, apart from different logos on the car park inspectors uniforms – they'll still be patrolling with the same level of professionalism and care as they're well known for in our districts."

Cllr Lynn Lloyd, cabinet member for the Five Councils Partnership at South Oxfordshire District Council, said: "This is just one of the many benefits that we'll get out of the Five Councils Partnership which will help us achieve the planned savings over the next nine years. You may have noticed our car park inspectors wearing new uniforms however parking charges haven't changed. We still set the tariffs, the timings and any excess charges.

For information on the car parks using the new Connect Cashless system, visit southoxon.gov.uk/connectcashless or whitehorsedc.gov.uk/connectcashless.

Thank you for supporting the Wicklesham Crowd Justice Appeal! - 24/10/16

Please spread the word and help me make the target to apply for Judicial Review.

A huge thank you to everyone who has clicked on the Wicklesham CrowdJustice Appeal link through this page and made a donation, or found it on Faringdon Facebook page! The pledges have just reached £8,995 of the £10,000 target!

This is an incredible statement of the commitment local people have for preserving the beautiful landscape around Faringdon, and our unique Earth Science SSSI.

With your help I can make the £10,000 target and Protect Wicklesham Quarry from Development.

Thank you once again!

<https://www.crowdjustice.org/case/sssi-and-conservationtarget-area>

New Shop in London St- 22/10/16

Vintage Goth Shadows. Preowned clothing (non Goth as well as Goth), jewellery, accessories Super shop. Should be a great asset for Faringdon

Website Updates - 22/10/16

Have been away for a week. Just catching up- new posts to News and Views, Whats on, Jobs ++ Ed

Re: Shoe boxes for the Link to Hope Charity- 21/10/16

Is it too late to bring along a bag of small toys?

name supplied

Quarry Development - 20/10/16

I don't think the Quarry should be developed for Industrial Units or Housing.but it would be a perfect for landfill site. or another use could be a new graveyard.. so instead of extracting fossils we could add to them- any thoughts

cornholio TP

Greenbridge roundabout, Swindon- 18/10/16

Resurfacing work will begin on 24 October and 'serious delays' are expected for the following 3 weeks! Route 66 buses could be badly delayed according to Stagecoach Swindon.

Marcus Laphorn

2017 Calendars now in!- 18/10/16

Faringdon Information Centre have 2 different calendars this year, featuring views in and around Faringdon.

The Large Calendar is specifically for 2017, however the Long Calendar is non-year specific, so ideal for making sure you don't forget a birthday!

So, if you want to start getting those dates on the calendar for next year, or perhaps you'd like to send the Faringdon Calendar to friends or family, drop into the Faringdon Information Centre and pick one up. [See some pictures](#)

Belinda

Grundon's contempt for the law, the environment and the public.- 15/10/16

In a display of defiance, Grundon Ltd has FAILED to carry out the restoration of Wicklesham Quarry SSSI due to have been completed by 30th September 2016- after 6 years of delay.

In 2015 Ox. County Council imposed conditions to force Grundon to "focus all activity on the

restoration of the site".

But in a letter this week, the County Council states:

"There has been no attempt to cut down and distribute any of the soils stockpiles or bunds of indigenous material, nor the removal of buildings etc., nor the planting of hedges or areas of trees and shrubs";

Not only have they failed to restore the site, they have damaged the protected habitat of Great Crested Newts, and cut natural vegetation around the ponds. They have not even removed buildings from the quarry!

Public disquiet at the Council's failure to ensure the quarry's restoration over many years must now give way to loss of public confidence following these disgraceful disclosures. I have urged the County Council to carry out an investigation of ALL aspects of this shocking situation, and asked for a well-considered plan for carrying out the restoration of Wicklesham Quarry by a contractor other than Grundon Ltd.

Please donate to the Wicklesham CrowdJustice Appeal to help save this unique and exceptional site! <https://www.crowdjustice.co.uk/case/sssi-and-conservationtarget-area/>

Anna Hoare

Toilets Budgens Car Park- 13/10/16

Anyone know why these are closed again. I sent visitors o Faringfdopn to the Bell!

Name supplied

Faringdon Apple Day is back- 13/10/16

Faringdon Free Food wants you to bring your apples to the Market for some freshly pressed apple juice - once you've tried it you won't believe the taste, so bring a few bottles down and you can take some home too!

There will be apple-themed stalls including one from La Bobina, Stay Grounded, The Cotswold Cider Company and Lesley Holdship of Hare in the Woods, who will be doing cooking demonstrations in the Marketplace. The Scouts will be making apple crumble and the Rotakids and the Pump House Project are all there too.

Please click [here](#) for more information.

VWHDC Local Plan Bulletin- 13/10/16

This bulletin provides a short update on the Local Plan 2031 Part 1 and includes details of changes to our Local Development Scheme (LDS).

The bulletin also provides further information on how the council is progressing the preparation of Local Plan 2031 Part 2, for which the next key stage will be consultation on a Preferred Options document in February 2017.

See <http://www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/services-and-advice/planning-and-building/planning-policy/new-local-plan-2031>

White Horse Medical Practice Newsletter - 12/10/16

The Autumn Newsletter includes

News items

Inspection report

New eye care scheme

Community Directory

Memory Support Group

Surgery Updates

Online bookings

Double length appointments

Hearing clinic

Ear wax treatment

Your Health

Emergencies check-list

Flu jab dates

NHS ★★★★★

[Read it here](#)

or you can collect a paper copy from the Health Centre, Tourist Information office, Village Post Offices, Community Bus and more

Extra Large garden waste collections - 12/10/16

Residents across South Oxfordshire and the Vale of White Horse, who pay to use the garden waste brown bin service can put out twice as much garden waste for two weeks in October. Biffa crews are all geared up to collect the extra garden waste between 17 and 21 October in the Vale of White Horse, and 24 and 28 October in South Oxfordshire. The garden waste should be left in an open box beside the brown bin – trade waste bags will not be accepted.

Councillor Charlotte Dickson, cabinet member for waste at Vale of White Horse District Council, said: “The garden waste service is very popular, in 2015 you recycled 8100 tonnes of garden waste in our district. We’re encouraging all our garden waste customers to get out in the garden this weekend and make use of the larger collection.”

Councillor Tony Harbour, cabinet member for waste at South Oxfordshire District Council, said: “Now’s the time to get out in the garden and give it a clear out before the winter sets in, so it’s the perfect time to give garden waste customers an extra big collection.”

The extra garden waste collections take place twice a year to allow customers of the service the chance to give their gardens a big clear out in the spring and autumn.

Community Grants available- 11/10/16

VWHDC has over £20k earmarked for Faringdon projects

You can apply to us for a minimum of £1,000 and up to 50 per cent* of the cost of a project if:

- you’re a non-profit organisation
- you have a project in mind that’s going to benefit our residents (even better if it helps integrate new communities) and
- you’re planning to complete the project in the next 12-18 months (although work shouldn’t already have started)

You can apply for money towards new/one-off revenue and capital costs from this scheme. However, we don’t fund existing revenue costs, vehicle purchases and projects that fall to other public sector bodies to provide, like roads/footpaths, health services and schools, academies or free schools.

See how to apply on <http://www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/services-and-advice/community-advice-and-support/grants/new-homes-bonus-community-grant>

Wicklesham Crowd Justice Appeal is LIVE!- 11/10/16

For the latest news on the Wicklesham CrowdJustice Appeal, click

on: <https://www.crowdjustice.co.uk/case/ssi-and-conservationtarget-area/>

There are many supporters of the campaign to Protect Wicklesham Quarry from Development in Faringdon, who deplore the prospect of the A420 at Faringdon becoming an industrial development corridor. Please make a donation to support Wicklesham Crowdjustice Appeal, and help protect this exceptional site, and the landscape around Faringdon from industrial warehousing. Thank you!

Anna Hoare

BUSCOT PARK ARCHERS – EXTRA BEGINNERS COURSE FOR 2016- 10/10/2016

Buscot Park Archers will be running an extra archery beginners course in October/November. The aim of the course is to teach students how to shoot safely and independently, and will be held over six sessions indoors at Faringdon Leisure Centre. These will be from 10-12:00 AM on the following Saturday mornings: 22 and 29 October, 5, 12, 19 and 26 November. The course is suitable for ages 18-80. Places are £60 each. Unfortunately this particular course is unsuitable for juniors. To book your place, please contact the club secretary, Pete Wright, at secretary@buscotparkarchers.org.uk or on 01367 240 095. Alternatively, visit our website at www.buscotparkarchers.org.uk to find out more about this fascinating family sport.

Fund to improve small business energy efficiency - 9/10/16

Up to £10,000 is now available to help small businesses looking to improve their energy efficiency.

The Carbon Trust has just launched The Green Business Fund. A national scheme to provide money and support for smaller businesses to replace their old, power-guzzling equipment. Companies can apply, on a first come first served basis, for a contribution to cover up to 30 per cent of an energy efficiency or equipment replacement project. The money can be used to help purchase a range of equipment, including energy efficient lighting, heating, ventilation and air conditioning and energy efficiency controls.

The scheme also offers energy saving training, cost saving assessments and implementation advice, along with expert advice to boost the efficiency and productivity of new equipment. To find out more about the scheme, and how to improve energy efficiency, The Carbon Trust is inviting small businesses to a workshop on 15 November at Cornerstone Arts Centre in Didcot from 9.30am and 11.30am. If you would like to come along please register at gbfoxfordshire.eventbrite.co.uk.

Hugh Jones, Managing Director, Advisory, at the Carbon Trust said: "Our experience of working with thousands of companies across the UK indicates that year-on-year savings of 20% to 30% can be delivered through action on energy efficiency. We'd encourage smaller companies to apply to make the most of the fund on offer in order to realise significant savings on their bottom line." South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse District Councils are supporting the workshop event. To discuss how your business could benefit from the support on offer, or if you have any questions about the Green Business Fund please visit www.carbontrust.com/greenbusiness, email greenbusiness@carbontrust.com or call 020 7832 4773.

Quiz Night Saturday 15th October- 8/10/16

Barber Rooms, All Saints Church, 7.30pm

Tables 4-6

£10 to include Posh ploughmans and pud. Drinks by donation, raffle

Eve Olney 01367 241927

In aid of Faringdon Day Centre

Images of Berkshire - 8/10/16

can be seen here: <https://www.facebook.com/photoartnowandthen>

The English Hoard, photographs from another century. ISBN 9781785892042, Troubador publishers. Please order my book for your stock! Many thanks.

These "Lost Historical Images" are a timely romantic collection of images of how things were before the advent of the auto, a time absent of noisy modern conveniences and a place when electronic invention was still just an idea, an era when you slept at night without the buzz of appliances or the shrill sound of the motorway and spilling light pollution to distract from the wonder of the stars.

This "The English Hoard" of images is as much about the photo as it is about the time and the

place. The atmosphere and ambience of the images reminds me of the darker corners and obscured bends of my childhood memories, an era of "Period" Ealing movies and Imagined black and white English classical literature.

Jeff Krotz

The Tidy Team hit Park Rd. - 7/10/16

Thank you to the lovely residents who requested the tidy team look at this area.

Please remember the town council tidy team react to requests from residents so please email sally@faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk or call 01367 240281 to let us know where you would like to see cleaned up! If we can we will.

Faringdon Town Clerk

Celebration Of Life- 7/10/16

All Saints Church on Sat. 8th. October.

Tickets available or pay at the door

See [Poster Notice Board](#) for more information

In aid of MacMillan

Pavement Parking - 6/10/16

19 inches between the wheel and the front door in London Street. Does anyone really have to park this close to a front door?

Name supplied.

Window cleaner- 6/10/16

You couldn't do better than Tom Wheeler on 07762 380733

Mary Beck

Message from White Horse Medical Practice - 5/10/16

GP APPOINTMENTS

We are receiving a very high number of calls each day for patients requesting urgent medical advice or an urgent appointment. On some days this has been in excess of 170.

We currently have one GP on maternity leave and one GP on sick leave and we are unable to recruit locum GPs to cover these sessions due to a national shortage of GPs.

We therefore have a reduced availability of appointments at this time.

If you are booking an appointment, please consider whether you can book ahead for a routine appointment with your usual doctor. We need to reserve our urgent appointments for conditions where an appointment is needed quickly.

Sometimes you do not need to see a GP. Would a pharmacist, optician or dentist be more appropriate?

You may find the following locally developed website useful in helping you decide who to see and how soon to see them:

<http://www.my-coach.org.uk/>

When booking your follow-up appointments – please book with the same GP so that they are able to follow your care. It is best to book your appointment before you leave the surgery.

If you feel you need to speak to a health care professional the same day then you will be put on a triage list and a GP or Practice Nurse will ring you back at some point during the day. Because of the very high number of calls we are currently receiving we cannot say how long the wait will be so please be patient, someone will call you back the same day.

WHMP

Window Cleaner wanted - 5/10/16

Could anyone recommend a window cleaner please?

Siobhan Gardiner

Pump House Project Newsletter - 4/10/16

[Read the first Newsletter here](#)

To all Business Owners- 4/10/16

Businesses across South Oxfordshire and the Vale of White Horse are being asked to feed into and influence a new strategy that will support growth and economic development.

The new Business and Innovation Strategy will enable South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse district councils to determine what measures can be put in place to help local businesses prosper.

To ensure the new strategy meets the needs of organisations throughout both districts the councils are asking businesses what their current and future priorities are, what they consider to be the key barriers to growth, and what support the district councils and their partners could provide to help them achieve their growth ambitions.

To ensure their views are heard businesses should complete this [online survey](#). The consultation closes on 14 October 2016.

For more information about the new Business and Innovation Strategy, or about the survey, please contact Suzanne Malcolm, Economic Development Manager at South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse District Councils on 01235 422217 or email suzanne.malcolm@southandvale.gov.uk.

Cllr Robert Simister, Cabinet Member for Economic Development at South Oxfordshire District Council, said: "We want members of the business community across South and Vale to let us know the issues they are currently facing and their priorities over the coming years. This will help us determine where our focus should be in terms of providing support going forward."

Cllr Michael Murray, Cabinet Member for Economic Development at Vale of White Horse District Council, said: "It's important that we hear from as many people as possible from across the business community, from smaller home based businesses to our larger businesses. We want to ensure the views of all business sectors operating here are taken into account and are reflected in the new strategy."

CAT OWNERS- 4/10/16

I am slightly annoyed at the constant moaning about dog owners, whom, most of the time, look after their dogs and clean up after them.

It is the cat owners of this great town that should be on the receiving end of these rants. It is the cats that create mess in somebody's garden, it is the cats that take a poo on your driveway and you walk through it, it is the cats that sit at the window of someones home and stare into the room trying to annoy a sweet innocent dog. Why is it that the dogs and dog owners receive all the ball ache when in fact it is the cats that create more mess, and their owners certainly do not follow them round picking up their mess.

Please lay off the dog owners and think to yourself.... where is my cat doing its business? why are you not clearing it up?

Name Supplied

Dog Owners - 3/10/16

I like to think that I look after my dog very well and I will always clear up his poo what annoys me more is the faceless people who come on here complaining with sarcastic remarks and assume all dog owners show disregard to other members of the public.

So fellow dog owners please clear up your dogs mess to regain our reputation within the community. It would help if there were more bins around and not vandalised. Stephen

In an emergency - 2/10/16

Is a mobile phone useful if you get into difficulties? Yes it is, but it can be much more than a simple communications device.

Firstly, what number do you dial? Most people still use 999, which works.

112 is much better. Why?

- Firstly, it works throughout Europe.
- Second, it uses not just your own network, but will hunt through all available networks for the strongest signal. If the phone is locked, 112 will override the lock, so you can use anybody else's phone as well as your own.
- Finally, if you register with the 112 network, you become eligible to send an emergency 112 text message. This will work in very bad signal strength areas because the data required to send a simple text message is much less than that required for a voice message (send 'register' to the 112 number).

Dog Lovers - 2/10/16

I've always admired dog lovers, they take care of their pet/s, feed it and take it for walks.

I feel embarrassed for the lovely so called dog owners who live in & around Walker Drive who's owners feel its not necessary to pick up their dog poo but also to allow their dog to poo in someone else's front garden, 5 times this week is disgraceful.

The council has been informed.

Also are you not able to read, there are signs up on the estate about dog poo.

I've also raised this with the police and the neighbourhood watch committee.

Anti-social behaviour & Crime and Policing Act 2014

<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2014/12/part/4/chapter/2/crossheading/public-spaces-protection-orders>

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