

Unruly children - 30/11/17

I was shocked at the behavior of a large party of uniformed children and their adult leaders in Gloucester Street on Wednesday, early evening. They were yelling and screaming so loudly all the way down the road that I couldn't hear my husband next to me, and the adults with them did nothing to try and keep the noise down. This only encourages inconsiderate behavior as they grow up.

Rachel Kenward

Protest about Lloyds - 30/11/17

We should all protest the closing of Lloyds Bank . This is disgraceful for a community this size not to have a bank. The government needs to step in and do something about these greedy bankers.

Kim Kaar

Lloyds Bank to close - 30/11/17

Just heard that the bank is to close next May.

So no banks in Faringdon- not good- it's one of the businesses that bring people into the town

Apparently the nearest will be Gorse Hill Swindon- no good for non car drivers - and there will be a mobile service

Some banking services will be available at the Post Office

<https://www.lloydsbank.com/assets/media/pdfs/contact-us/LBG-Branch-Review-Faringdon.pdf>

Ed

The Elms, Stanford in the Vale - 28/11/17

Hi i'm looking for the following cottage as i am trying to piece together my history for my family before its to late. My parents lived at Number 1 The Elms, Stanford in the Vale, Faringdon, Berkshire. I was very small at the time and seem to remember the cottage had a thatched roof, (may not as only very young at the time). The dates would have been around 1966 / 1968 i believe. I'm struggling to find any reference to this property. I think it may have been 1 half of a pair of cottages and seem to remember a hotel or something similar was built to the left hand side of the cottage. Any assistance would be grateful in locating it.

Many thanks

Andy andyouart@yahoo.co.uk

Site of Special Scientific interest (SSSI) Fernham Road- 28/11/17

The Decision notice ([P17/V3183/DIS](#)) for the new houses on Fernham Road includes new access and management plan for the SSSI

http://www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/java/support/dynamic_serve.jsp?ID=798824684&CODE=2598D83811825E93BE3ADF98E512B612

Ed

Come & give Tennis a go.- 27/11/17

With sessions for the whole family!

- Monday- Cardio Tennis 9-10am
- Tuesday- Ladies Morning- 10:30-12
- Tuesday night- Children's Tennis 5-13 Year Olds- 4:00-6:30
- Tennis Tuesdays Adults- 6:30-7:30
- Wednesday- Rusty Rackets Adult Drills and Skills- 6:15-7:15
- Friday- Ladies Morning- 10:30-12:30
- Saturday- All Play- 10-12.

For any more info please visit the club website:

<http://www.faringdонтennis.org.uk/>

Hope to see you having an ACE time soon!!

Boogie-Me at The Pump House Project 8-11PM- 27/11/17

Saturday 16th December

Tickets £7 in advance from:

THE PUMP HOUSE PROJECT (SWAN LANE),

DAWN AT THE CORNMARKE T BARBERS SHOP

or email tickets@boogie-me.co.uk

If not sold out (and the last one was!), tickets will be available on the door.

Considerate Construction - 26/11/17

Does anyone know if the two sets of developers currently on Coxwell Road are members of the Considerate Constructors scheme?

Think the state of the road has been really bad. It used to be that anyone signed up to the scheme had to have wheel washers for the vehicles leaving the site, not just to make the mud on the road a bit thinner at the end of the day by spreading a lot of water around.

Name supplied.

Faringdon Boundary- 25/11/17

I noticed that a number of decision notices for the large housing developments in Faringdon the planners have said 'this is in Great Coxwell so the Faringdon Neighbourhood Plan is not relevant'

On 23 October White Horse District Council – Community Governance and Electoral Issues Committee minutes states

The committee considered the report of the head of legal and democratic services on the review of electoral arrangements for a new parish of

Harwell East and the Great Coxwell and Great Faringdon parish boundary. These matters had been deferred by Council in July 2014. Jacqui Russell, of Great Coxwell Parish Council, spoke. Her points included the following:

- Great Coxwell Parish Council supports the relocation of the boundary to place the properties in Fernham Fields within the Faringdon parish. This contradicts their historic objection outlined in the report when plans for building on the site had not been finalised in July 2014.
- The proposed timetable is driven by elections in 2019 and Great Coxwell Parish Council are unhappy to be responsible for the Fernham Fields development until then and do not wish to receive the precept.
- The Steeds development should also be included in Faringdon parish.
- Andrew Marsden, Chair of the Faringdon Town Council Planning and Highways Committee, raised the following points:
 - The Steeds development should be included in Great Faringdon parish.
 - he views of Great Coxwell Parish Council included in the report are outdated and a community governance review should already have taken place.
- The officers confirmed, in response to these points, that any alteration of the parish boundaries would not be implemented until the scheduled parish council elections in May 2019. Altering the boundaries prior to May 2019 would trigger an election as the areas represented by councillors would be changed. This would incur significant costs to the parish councils affected. The timescale for the review (up to 12 months) would also not facilitate an earlier implementation of any changes to parish boundaries agreed as part of the review.

Officers confirmed that the views of Great Coxwell Parish Council expressed in July 2014 were included in the report as this was the parish's position at the time of the deferral, and additional views presented at the committee, which represented a change of position, were helpful to the committee. Any change to the parish boundary implemented as part of this review would impact on the precept for the 2019/2020 financial year.

The committee agreed to include the Steeds development, as well as the Fernham Fields development, in the review of the Great Faringdon and Great Coxwell parish boundary.

I assume this includes the development along the Highworth Road.

Given this let's hope the planners take into account Faringdon's Neighbourhood plan.

Ed

Lotus Retreat- new shop in Faringdon- 24/11/17

The Lotus Retreat (bottom of London St) is a beautiful holistic sanctuary in the heart of the historic market town of Faringdon. The Lotus Retreat offers an excellent range of holistic therapies, classes (including yoga, meditation and tai chi), accredited courses and workshops in a warm, welcoming environment. The Lotus Retreat also houses a beautiful boutique which sells unique gifts and crafts from India, including jewellery, clothes, singing bowls, block-printed fabrics, paintings, cashmere and embroidered pashminas. The Lotus Retreat is conveniently situated between Oxford and Swindon.

Whether you are visiting us for a Tibetan massage, a candle-lit yoga session, a reflexology course or a meditation evening, our aim is that you will leave the Lotus Retreat feeling re-balanced and inspired.

Here is what we have on offer – Reflexology, Reiki, Holistic Massage, Lymphatic Drainage, Acupuncture, Pregnancy Massage, Indian Head Massage, sports massage, Life Coaching, Kinesiology, Yoga, Tai Chi and Qigong, accredited courses in Massage, Reflexology and Reiki and a variety of fascinating workshops.

Carrie

The Folly from above - 22/11/17

Fabulous video of the Folly - [now on the Folly website](#)

Thankyou Nick

Gene Webb

Great Coxwell Christmas Fair- 23/11/17

3rd December 10.30-5.30

Great Coxwell are putting on their wonderful Christmas Fair again in aid of the village park and St Giles' Church, and it would be lovely to see you there.

Highlights are: Tom's fabulous wooden bowls and boards, Annabelle's handmade books, [Uffington Potters](#), [Town & Green Jewellery](#), Pauline's delectable Christmas cakes, puddings, chutneys etc, and lots more. There will be a children's Lucky Dip and a fabulous Christmas Hamper is being raffled!

Wonderful refreshments will be available all day: mulled wine, spicy soup, mince pies and delicious cakes.

WE HOPE YOU CAN COME - and do send this on to anyone else you think might like to come too.

With early Christmas cheer!

Margaret

Ed: [See poster](#)

Faringdon House Under Offer - 22/11/17

<https://search.savills.com/property-detail/gblhchlac150171#/r/detail/GBLHCHLAC150171>

Anyone know any more?

Name Supplied

Re: Foodie Paradise - 20/11/17

Before everyone goes racing off to sample the new haute-cuisine menu at one of our coffee shops, it's worth pointing out that Trevor Wynn is referring to Ben Bullen, from Sudbury House Hotel, who appeared last week on MasterChef: The Professionals.

He's head chef at the hotel's Magnolia Brasserie, and follows local chefs Marcel Nerpas, from The Eagle at Little Coxwell in 2013 and Nick

Bennett, head chef at Restaurant 56, who reached the finals in December 2015.

Our coffee shops (particularly the independents) do offer some excellent food though!
Folly Man

Foodie paradise - 16/11/17

Wonderful to see yet another chef from Sudbury House on Master chef the professionals great to have this and The Eagle at Little Coxwell and now the coffee shop in Faringdon ,you are quickly becoming a foodie paradise
Trevor Wynn

Minor Eye problems- minor eye conditions service (MECS) - 16/11/17

If you have a red, sticky, itchy, dry or gritty eye, or a red patch has appeared in the last week or so, contact a pharmacy.

Contact a [MECS optometrist](#) if you have:

- Recently occurring flashes and/or floaters
- Painful eye including pain with bright lights
- Ingrowing eyelashes
- Recent problems with your vision
- Foreign body in the eye

Haine and Smith offer this service in Faringdon. MECS is also available at Specsavers in Wantage and Witney

Illegal parking - 15/11/17

I wondered if the town council was doing anything to resolve the regular and numerous parking violations on London Street? I use this going to and from Oxford regularly and the number of vehicles parked on double yellows on the east side on the road, around the Wheatsheaf, is becoming problematic.

Stephen Smith

ED: On street parking enforcement is the responsibility of the police. In many parts of the country the County and District councils have taken on the responsibility. VWHDC have been asked to do this many times- they say it is too costly.

VWHDC Local plan part 2- 15/11/17

There are loads more houses planned for KB/Southmoor and Grove- none for Faringdon.

The 150 houses being consulted on by the developer at the moment (adjacent to Steeds farm, Gt Coxwell parish) are part of Local Plan part1 (I was told only the space is identified not the number of houses- I think originally it was 50)

I forgot to look if more houses are destined in Shriv/Watchfield - I don't think so

Here is a link to the part 2 of the plan <http://www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/services-and-advice/planning-and-building/planning-policy/local-plan-2031-part-2>

and the actual allocations

http://www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/java/support/dynamic_serve.jsp?ID=684252020&CODE=861367C91005E59613BE4C1BC9A51F6A
Ed

West Faringdon Residents Association - 14/11/17

The FIRST public meeting. Come and find out what we are doing to object to the Planning Application for the development of 190 houses to the land South of Highworth Road

Friday 17th at 7 PM - 8 PM

The Old Town Hall, Faringdon

Free parking in the Vale - 14/11/17

<http://www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/news/2017/2017-11/hunting-presents-park-free-selected-days-run-christmas>

For us it's

- Faringdon – Saturdays from 2 December

1993 when Faringdon was flooded - 13/11/17

Photos from Facebook of when Faringdon suffered severe flooding. Comments from local people too

See <http://www.faringdon.org/1993-flood.html>

More Faringdon photos on [Photos and maps](#) page

Re: A420 access from Gt Coxwell junction- 12/11/17

I've received a response from Oxford County Council's (OCC) planning department. The following is a summary of what they had to say:

Various options to improve the junction were considered, including a roundabout however, due to cost and the need to purchase private land surrounding the junction, traffic lights were chosen as the most appropriate (and affordable) solution. The feasibility of such a scheme has been discussed by OCC's planning committee and shown to their satisfaction to accommodate the extra traffic generated by the new housing developments.

To help pay for the work, contributions have been secured from the two main development sites, but these only get paid in full when the developers have sold an agreed number of houses. Until this is done, OCC will only undertake preliminary design work and completion of the upgrade to the junction is likely to be 18 to 24 months away. So until then we will all have to put up with the existing, far from satisfactory, situation!

Folly Man

Cider with Rosie - 10/11/17

A wonderful performance last evening by the Faringdon Dramatic Society. If you've got tickets you're in for a real treat
Local Yokel

Look Out for Father Christmas & Thomas the Tank Engine - 10/11/17

(Start times: weekdays 5.30pm, Saturdays 4.30pm)

Friday 1 December - Clanfield

Saturday 2 December - Faringdon Market Square, Lights-On

Monday/Tuesday 4/5 December - Watchfield

Wednesday 6 December - Faringdon (Orchard Hill, Westland Road, Highworth Road, The Pines)

Thursday/Friday 7/8 December - Shrivenham

Saturday 9 December – Faringdon (Stanford Road, Tuckers Road, Berners Way, etc)

Monday/Tuesday 11/12 December – Southmoor & Kingston Bagpuize

Thursday/Friday 14/15 December – Stanford-in-the-Vale

Saturday 16 December – Faringdon (Bloor Estate, Park Road, Bromsgrove)

Monday 18 December – Uffington, Fernham, Little Coxwell

Tuesday 19 December – Watchfield, Longcot

Wednesday 20 December – Faringdon (Health Centre, Rawdon Way, Sandshill, Marlborough Gardens, Folly View Road)

Thursday 21 December – Hatford, Buckland, Littleworth

Friday 22 December – 5.30 to 5.45 Village Hall Great Coxwell, Faringdon (Coleshill Drive, Fernham Road, Fernham Gate)

Should any changes become necessary due to circumstances, they will be announced on Facebook.

Rotary Club of Faringdon & District

Lost cuddly toy- 9/11/17

Whilst battling to put my 3 year old in his car seat in Budgens Car Park on Weds eve after picking his bro up from Beavers, I hastily put his rather large cuddly toy dog on the roof of my car... only to drive off.. Ooops. We went back to retrace tracks, literally only 15 minutes later but no joy. If anyone finds a light brown large toy fluffy dog with a Passport around his neck (stating Dudley) but his actual name is Ralph please can you contact me. We miss him.

I left Budgens car park and took a right at the T junction, passing Bobina etc - have no idea where he could have been flung off, but any eagle eyed passers by would be much appreciated by a guilty mummy and a distraught 3 year old.

Thanks!

Melissa K

Ed: After posting on this site, the cuddly toy was restored to it's owner

Re: A420 access from Gt Coxwell junction - 7/11/17

- that actually sounds like a good idea, but will it be in place soon? or will it be subject to the "we've sold the last house... we never said we'd pay for that... the council have no money to provide it..." so nothing happens for 2 years.

I would say it needs to be sooner rather than later so people regularly using the A420 will have time to get used to sometimes having to come to a stop on what's normally been the fastest section past Faringdon.

Blue wizard

A420 access from Gt Coxwell junction- 8/11/17

I actually had to ask the question about what was happening. It turns out that it is currently proposed to install "smart" traffic lights. This means that they will stay green on the A420 until a vehicle trying to join it from the Gt Coxwell junction approaches when they will turn red to allow that vehicle out.

It would help if the proposals were in the public domain.

Green Witch

Performers wanted - 7/11/17

Jigsaw Stage Productions (Wantage) are looking for children aged 7-13 years to perform in their April 2018 production of 'Oliver'.

Performances will take place at the 'Beacon', Wantage & 'Cornerstone', Didcot.

Auditions will be held on Sat 18th November at Old Mill Hall, Grove

OX12 7LB. Phone 01235 767509 for further details.

[See poster](#)

Housing developments - 7/11/17

In response to Faringdon Female's posting I'd like to point out that the decision to approve the Highworth Road development was taken by Vale of the White Horse District Council's planning department many months ago. So it is, I'm afraid, a foregone conclusion. I should know as I have closely followed the process for all three (four if you include Humpty Hill) new housing developments in Coxwell Road and Highworth Road. I attended the planning meetings, wrote letters of objection and encouraged friends to do the same. All to no avail, sadly, as the district council's hunger for housing has meant all but one scheme has been approved, with little thought on their impact on the town to which they're attached.

Hence my point about the junction with the A420; nothing seems to be happening to address the significant increase in the number of vehicles trying to get onto the road every morning. A roundabout has been discussed but there's no sign of a definite plan and Oxford County Council couldn't help when I enquired.

As another poster has said; if you truly want to help you first need to understand the planning process, in particular read the Local Plans.

There is one scheme you could still fight, however, and that's the proposal for a further 150 houses at the Steed's Farm location. A consultation meeting has been organised by the developers on Tuesday, November 14, 2017 between 14:00 and 19:30 at Faringdon Town Football Club Clubhouse in Tucker Park.

The Vale of White Horse District Council's local plan will also be exhibited the same day at the Corn Exchange between 16:00 and 18:00 followed by a public meeting from 19:00 – 20:30.

I look forward to seeing Faringdon Female at both!

Folly Man

Tuesday November 28th FREE Lantern making Workshop- 7/11/17

COME AND MAKE A LANTERN

THAT WILL BE USED AS PART OF THE FARINGDON NATIVITY Artist Emily Cooling

Corn Exchange 6-9pm

Adults only 20 places on a first come first served basis to book visit www.faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk

Your Lantern will be used as part of the performance but will be available for collection after the event. All materials provided
LINK to book lanterns: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/free-lantern-making-workshop-tickets-39480213381>

The Faringdon Town Nativity

This Christmas, for one night only, the centre of Faringdon will be transformed into Bethlehem!

Faringdon Town Council has partnered with Faringdon Dramatic Society, Faringdon All Saints', Faringdon Baptist Church and many other local organisations and community members in order to create a spectacular nativity for everyone to come and see. The Faringdon Town Nativity will take place on Friday 8th December, in the market square at 6pm and will include live acting, live singing, spectacular lightning and sound, beautiful lanterns, a donkey and three real camels!

The event is free and open to all and we do hope you can join us to share this wonderful event.

For further information, please visit www.faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk

Funds for scouting- biggest ever- 6/11/17

Wow! We are so pleased to announce a record-breaking £974.67 profit from our food tent at the fireworks last night! Thanks so much to all who helped on the night and setting up beforehand. Thanks also to Pat Thomas and the Rotary club, but mostly to all of you who bought food and hot chocolate from us on the night and supported your local Scouts!

Alex Molton

Good food at The Bell - 4/11/17

Great fish at the Bell last evening- I had the small fish and chips- which was more than enough for me (£7). The refurbished restaurant looking good.

Great food, great value and cheerful, thoughtful service from the young waiters and bar staff.

Good luck to the Bell. Faringdon needs another good restaurant.

Local Yokel

The planning process- 3/11/17

Folly man was correct in saying that the Highworth Road development was a foregone conclusion, because it was allocated in the Local Plan Part 1, which was passed in December 2016. The accusation of apathy is misplaced. Unfortunately many local people only get interested in planning issues once it's far too late. You need to understand the planning process.

Challenge things by all means, but it's pointless to challenge decisions that have already been made, and this was one of them. If people want to understand the planning process, I suggest starting with the Local Plan Part One, which contains allocated housing and employment sites, and Part Two, which has not yet been passed. Of special sensitivity is the status (& future) of the 'preferred options' sites, which are NOT allocated, but remain potentially vulnerable to development. One of these is on Coxwell Road, and is also part of Great Coxwell parish.

Welbeck Land are angling to put another 150 houses there.

Name supplied

Ed: You can register for email alerts from VWHDC, including planning applications. If I remember correctly you could specify the radius of the area you're interested in. I wanted all of Faringdon so I had to ring them and ask for this as the range options on the form aren't big enough.

<http://www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/news-and-events/keep-me-informed/email-alerts>

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VWHDC Local Plan Part 2 consultation - 3/11/17

The Vale of White Horse District Council's local plan will be exhibited at the Corn Exchange

Tuesday 14 November: Corn Exchange, Gloucester Street, Faringdon, SN7 7JA 4 - 6.30pm followed by a public meeting from 7 - 8.30pm

<http://www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/services-and-advice/planning-and-building/planning-policy/local-plan-2031-part-2>

Permission for 25 houses on Fernham Road - 3/11/17

<http://www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/java/support/Main.jsp?MODULE=ApplicationDetails&REF=P15/V2649/O>

150 houses Coxwell Road- outline planning consent consultation- 2/11/17

Tuesday, November 14, 2017 2:00pm - 7:30pm

Faringdon Town FC Clubhouse

Tucker Park, Park Road SN7 7BP

Faringdon Town Football Club ([map](#))

This is the area of land between Great Coxwell and the Steeds development

See <https://www.coxwellroadfaringdon.com/about>

If you can't get to the event you can have your say via the above website

War Memorabilia wanted - 2/11/17

Members of the public can either drop off items at the Information Centre or on the 9th of November in the Old Town Hall from 10:00 am

All items will be signed in and out and looked after with great care.

Planning permission granted for former Ferndale School, Bromsgrove - 2/11/17

8 flats and 2 houses

www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/java/support/dynamic_serve.jsp?ID=788383249&CODE=D02501A607CF21431A50F580C9CDDE51

Dog First Aid course This Sunday 05/11/17 - 2/11/17

10am - 1:30pm at Danetree Medivet Faringdon, taught by an experienced vet (and a lovely terrier)!

We offer the only CPD accredited Emergency Canine Care course in the UK, and have worked with the MoD, police dog handlers & Search &

Rescue, among others. We cover a wide range of scenarios including drowning, burns, seizures, CPR and bleeding. This allows you to fulfil your duty of care if you work with dogs, and gives pet parents peace of mind that they can act in an emergency.

We also offer hosted courses which can be used to raise money for a business or animal charity.

The qualification is valid for 3 years, cost is £49.50pp We have a small number of places still available.

For details contact Marianne at marianne.thomas@dog-first-aid.com, 07925882453. Website www.dog-first-aid.com