

Yet MORE new houses! - 30/10/17

I've just opened an invite to a 'consultation event' on 14th November on plans to build an extra 150 houses between The Steeds and Great Coxwell. The developers, Welbeck Land, are the people who got planning permission for 200 houses at The Steeds (now renamed Fernhill Gardens), so they're obviously hoping to increase their total tally at Steeds Farm to 350 houses. I bet VWHDC didn't see that one coming!

So, more houses, more people and more cars for Faringdon but the same town centre, car parks, roads etc. It doesn't take a genius to work out how this will end.

Final insult: the address for the 'consultation event' is given as "Faringdon Town FC Clubhouse, The Swan, 1 Park Road". Now I don't suppose they'd be trying to discourage people from attending would they?...

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Faringdon Sensory Garden Vote Appeal - 30/10/17

We've applied for £5,000 of Funding from the Aviva Community Fund to pay for special needs equipment and furniture for the Sensory Garden Cafe. Please vote for us, firstly and importantly and then share! share! share! Get your friends to vote for us too - they don't have to be local!

<https://community-fund.aviva.co.uk/vot.../project/view/17-4829>

Many thanks

Mel Lane

Toll House, Coxwell St - 28/10/17

Has anyone have memories or photographs of Toll House. Coxwell Street. I would love to see them, starting researching ancestry

Clare Cox

Poppy Appeal Collectors - Shrivenham and Watchfield - 25/10/17

The Poppy Appeal is looking for collectors in Shrivenham and Watchfield. Unfortunately some of the collectors who have helped us in previous years feel that they are now too elderly to continue. If you or anyone you know could spend a couple of hours any time between 28 October and 11 November we would be extremely grateful. Please contact faringdonpoppies@yahoo.co.uk.

Highworth Road Development- 25/10/17

I would like to respond to 'Folly Man's' suggestion that the planning result is a foregone conclusion. I would humbly suggest that attitudes like this encourage an apathetic approach to democratic processes, which in turn result in decisions that leave people feeling powerless. Whilst we all recognise that there is a need for housing it will not help the integration of new arrivals into the town if there is already a high level of resentment about the homes they live in. The development on Highworth Road will not be a concluded until the decision is made, and there are still many people willing to challenge this application and continue to work hard to maintain Faringdon's rural character beyond the meeting tonight.

Faringdon Female

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Re: 190 houses on land south of Faringdon- 23/10/17

This development is the Local Plan so it's a forgone conclusion I'm afraid. However, it's progression only serves to underline the need for OCC to get on with the road improvements to the Great Coxwell/A420 junction. My understanding is that the installation of a roundabout to handle the projected increase in traffic movements was a key requirement in the planning approvals of the three large housing developments around Coxwell Road and Highworth Road.

Given the significant disruption the associated roadworks are likely to cause, combined with the length of time they will surely take, this is something that should already be underway. Unfortunately there seems to be no sign of this happening any time soon.

Perhaps one of our Vale councillors, who approved the schemes in the first place, would care to comment?

Folly Man

Faringdon Food Festival- indoors- 20/10/17

Unfortunately the outside stalls at the Food Festival tomorrow have been cancelled due to expected high winds.

DONT WORRY - the Corn Exchange will still be a hub of food!

You will still be able to get your Scout apple crumble in the Corn Exchange. Demonstrations from Sudbury top chefs begin at 10.30am. Bake off cakes need to be delivered by 10am. Judging will take place at 1pm.

Please come and say hello!

Re 190 houses on land south of faringdon- 20/10/17

We need our VVHDC councillor(s) to be like the one for West Hanney (whomever that may be) - they have managed to stop an extra estate being built there as it had no proper links to the rest of the village. Perhaps they can give ours some tips?

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Plans submitted for a new 3G football pitch in Faringdon- 20/10/17

Planning application submitted for a new 3G artificial turf pitch to be located next to Faringdon Leisure Centre www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/java/support/Main.jsp?MODULE=ApplicationDetails&REF=P17/V2659/FUL
Design and Access Statement says '*The economic opportunities of increasing facilities available at the Leisure Centre would mean that GLL, the operators, would be able to rent the facilities out to the wider community for use. This will also in turn generate profits for the local economy and the public. The additional facilities may also attract users from further reach to use the facilities, especially for inter-school or similar football matches.*'

Re 190 houses on land south of faringdon - 20/10/17

I am with Mark on this one we certainly don't need any more traffic Down Coxwell Rd/ Street. It is almost a single track road with all the cars parked there. The most sensible solution is to create a roundabout at the Coxwell junction on A420 allowing traffic to enter Faringdon via the park Rd and commuters to Swindon and Oxford access to the A420

John

re- 190 houses on land south of Highworth Road - 19/10/17

I am wondering where all the children are likely to go to School, as the demand for places is going to far outstrip any possible School expansion. There are still water/sewage issues to be resolved.

In addition, item 3.2. "A cumulative Transport Assessment of the major application sites in Faringdon carried out in 2014 determined that this site could contribute towards a mitigation scheme at the junction of Gravel Walk/Marlborough Road/Station Road/Coxwell Street, currently proposed to be a signalised junction".

Who came up with this crazy idea. Any signals on that roundabout will lead to traffic backing up past Budgens and blocking Market square (leading to gridlock) in addition to huge queues on Coxwell Street. Most people are headed for the A420, with queues on Park road now getting ridiculous. Sorting out the junction at Great Coxwell onto the A420 must be the top priority for Faringdon's expansion. This was promised by the Steeds Farm developers and was used as a carrot for the original planning permission. Why has it not been pushed through. The town council need to dig their heels in over this issue.

Regards Mark

Re: 190 houses on Land South of Highworth Road - 19/10/17

Looking at the document it seems to say the town gets £300k directly (20% of which is for public art!) whilst OCC get £2.5m - beginning to see why they are so keen for the town to double in size.

£230k for buses sounds a bit excessive unless the hope is that by running one every 10 minutes will stop one or two people from the estate driving to Tesco/Waitrose/Aldi?

Lights at the bottom of Coxwell Street sounds good (apart from the chaos caused by the x weeks to install them) - just a shame it will take anyone on the new estate 10+ minutes to drive that far during the day.

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190 houses on Land South of Highworth Road- 19/10/17

Committee Report

Includes list of Developer Contributions to infrastructure including, Pump House, Leisure Centre, Schools, Bus service, Rugby, Tennis, Bowls, trim trail

Folly Woodland- 5th best place to picnic- 17/7/17

According to the Telegraph

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/travel/uk-car-holidays/best-family-picnic-spots/>

Put your pumpkins to good use - 17/10/17

Residents in southern Oxfordshire are being encouraged to make the most of their pumpkins this Halloween.

If they cannot be used for cooking or composting, South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse District Council is asking people to recycle their pumpkins as food waste.

Householders can either cut them up and put them in their food waste bins or simply leave them out whole next to their bins on the usual weekly collection day.

<http://www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/news/2017/2017-10/put-your-pumpkins-good-use-halloween>

Euro exchange rate! - 12/10/17

Attention anyone who wants to buy euros in Faringdon. To my regret I have just discovered that the Post Office offers the most abysmal rate of exchange - worse than the bank, worse than Sainsburys etc. A notice proclaimed a rate of 1.07 and yes, I stupidly only glanced at it and didn't understand that that was ONLY if you spend £800 and buy a travel card. My transaction cost me £40 above the internet exchange rate and although I went back immediately and explained my error the staff would not refund my money. Be warned!!

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VWHDC Local Plan Part 2 - 12/10/17

Just launched- six week publicity period between Wednesday 11 October and Wednesday 22 November 2017. This is your final opportunity to comment and you must respond to this publicity period if you wish to be involved in the examination, even if you responded to the Preferred Options consultation undertaken in March 2017.

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

Public events

We are also hosting public events across the district to help explain the publicity process and how to comment. The events will all provide the same information so please feel free to attend any event.

Exhibition from 4-6.30pm followed by a public meeting from 7-8.30pm will be held at the following locations below:

- **Monday 6 November:** Abingdon and Witney College, Abingdon Campus, Wootton Road, Abingdon, OX14 1GG
- **Tuesday 14 November:** Corn Exchange, Gloucester Street, Faringdon, SN7 7JA
- **Wednesday 15 November:** Harwell Village Hall, High Street, Harwell, OX11 0EX

REMINDER!- 11/10/17

Please don't forget the **SAVE THE CHILDREN** concert on Saturday 14th October 7.30pm All Saints' Church Pavlova Wind Trio, Thomas Graff (Both played recently at Buscot park Theatre) with the Bakehouse Trio, Suzanna Carter, Louise Woodgate, Ferndale Community Choir, Dave Headey will all be performing voluntarily at Faringdon - Church of All Saints' - to help the **SAVE THE CHILDREN** charity.

Your help is needed more than ever in these times of global political instability,

see <https://www.savethechildren.org.uk/>

These events don't happen by magic and the organizer, Carolyn has worked very hard over a long period of time to put on this concert so please support her and the charity by going along on Saturday and swelling the audience!

Hil Taylor

Ed Tickets £10 from Tourist Information, Pump House

Saturday 14 October The Mayor Rocks 1967- 10/10/17

Corn Exchange Faringdon 7 to 11pm

£2 entrance

1967, 50 years ago, the Summer of Love and one of the finest years for music. A benefit night to raise money for The Place featuring the music and film clips of 1967 with Mayor Mike Wise and Citizen Cane.

Event presented by Faringdon Town Council.

Scouting in Faringdon - 8/10/17

Does anyone have any information about scouting in Faringdon a long time ago? We believe that we were formed around 1910 but have no proof of this.

Do you have photos of scouting from the early part of last century (wow, that sounds a long time ago) or from the 50s or 60s?

I'd appreciate any information or images that you have as I'm putting together a new website for scouting in Faringdon and would like to add a bit of history to it.

Faith Carpenter - you can email me at website@faringdonscouts.co.uk

Flu jabs at the London St pharmacy- 5/10/17

No appointment needed- call in between 10am and 4pm.

You may be eligible for a free flu jab, if you

- are 65 years of age or over
- are pregnant
- have certain medical conditions
- are living in a long-stay residential care home or other long-stay care facility
- receive a carer's allowance, or you are the main carer for an elderly or disabled person whose welfare may be at risk if you fall ill

(see <http://www.nhs.uk/Conditions/vaccinations/Pages/who-should-have-flu-vaccine.aspx>).

If you're not eligible for a free jab it costs £10

James

Faringdon Infant and Faringdon Junior School admissions.Children born between 1st September 2013 and 31st August 2014 - 4/10/17

To Parents / Carers,

We are aware that parents and carers of children born between 1st September 2013 and 31st August 2014 will shortly be asked to complete your application for a reception place ready for September 2018. If this applies to you or someone that you know, then the following information is important in understanding how you can proceed. For the first time this year, you will be asked to make a choice regarding whether your child should be registered at Faringdon Infant School or Faringdon Junior School. The reason for this is that in September 2021, both schools are due to become all through primary schools, with the infant school moving to a new site near Roger's Concrete. In September 2021, your child will have reached Year 3 and hence we wanted to offer you the choice now of whether they will then continue their education at what is currently Faringdon Junior School or Faringdon Infant School.

We hope you will make your decision based on location as both schools are members of the Faringdon Academy of Schools and so offer the same high quality education.

In September 2018, whichever school you have chosen, your child will still be taught at the infant school for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. At this point of time, your experience of the two schools will not change and no adjustments will need to be made regarding staffing or accommodation. When the children are ready to move into Year 3 they will move seamlessly through to the junior school or continue with their education at the infant school. Applications for both schools are still made through Oxfordshire County Council Admissions service and not through the individual schools. This can be done online or by submitting a paper copy of the application form to the admissions service. The following link may help <https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/cms/content/admissions-infant-and-primary-schools>

We are sure that you may have questions and so we would like to offer you an opportunity to meet with both Head Teachers and a member of the senior management of the Faringdon Academy of Schools, on Tuesday 10th October at 6pm in Faringdon Infant School Hall.

We look forward to meeting you all.

Mrs Sharon Farrell Faringdon Junior School

Mrs Sally Robins Faringdon Infant School