

**Macmillan Coffee Morning - 29th September** - 29/9/17

I would just like to say a huge thank you to all who came to the coffee morning today, including the Mayor, and gave so generously. Thank you also to Waitrose for their donations of cake, tea and coffee. Also to friends and family who baked for me. The winner of the 'guess the cake height' was Mrs Webster who very generously donated her winnings. We raised a total of £161.20. Thanks again  
Helen

**Local Plan Part Two, Final draft** - 29/9/17

The final draft of part two of our Local Plan, which helps to set out how the district should be shaped until 2031, will be published on 11 October. Between that date and 22 November you will be able to have a say before the plan is submitted to the government for consideration by a planning inspector. This second phase sets out additional strategic development sites, smaller site allocations and detailed supporting policies. We would like to thank all of you who have already taken part in previous consultation - your feedback has been taken into consideration and has helped to shape part two of the Plan through the various stages. It is important to note that the planning inspector will be giving more weight to comments on the technical soundness of the plan - this means the comments need to relate to the legality of the plan. From 11 October, please look out for a factsheet and short video on our [website](#) explaining what this means.

We are organising events for you to find out more and submit comments. These will include an exhibition from 4pm-6.30pm followed by a public meeting at 7pm at:

- **Wootton: Monday 6 November, Dry Sandford Primary School**
- **Faringdon: Tuesday 14 November, Corn Exchange**
- **Harwell: Wednesday 15 November, Harwell Village Hall**

If you are unable to attend, you will also be able to view the final draft of the plan and submit comments on <http://www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/services-and-advice/planning-and-building/planning-policy/local-plan-2031-part-2>

Part one of the Local Plan, setting out strategic development sites and infrastructure policies, was adopted in December 2016. Further information is available on the [council website](#).

**Community Interest Levy on new housing - from 1/11/2017** - 29/9/17

The CIL Charging Schedule will be implemented from 1 November 2017. Information is available on [www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/services-and-advice/planning-and-building/planning-policy/delivering-infrastructure/community-infras](http://www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/services-and-advice/planning-and-building/planning-policy/delivering-infrastructure/community-infras)

**Large bunch of keys found, just off Canada Lane** - 28/9/17

Ring 07786 494568  
name supplied

**Just what Faringdon needs?** - 28/9/17

"Another estate agent will mean the possible lowering of fees of the others".....hahahahahahahahaha.....funniest thing I've read on here for ages, estate agents dictate the cost of property, everything I've seen for sale is ridiculously overpriced and doesn't bare any resemblance to realistic true value of houses. Two per cent of a lot is always preferable to two per cent of a little eh? Several interested parties wanted to take over the Nut Tree but were refused over one thing or another that would either make them have to jump through hoops to get permission or were given so many restrictions it would have made opening up suicide. This town always gets what it deserves, for years the town councillors blocked shops coming into town, I can well remember that even Woolworths wanted to open up in the town centre in the 70s but was refused. Roll on the building of the Argos and the B&M stores, finally Faringdonians are getting the shops they really want to shop in. Name Supplied.

**Medical Practice** - 28/9/17

Improvement to the appointment system, for who? certainly not patients who are unable to take calls at work or prefer to plan their schedule. An improvement would be to re-introduce routine face-to-face bookable appointments for patients who would truly appreciate this and know they are being listened to instead of suffering in silence. Name Supplied

**Triage** - 27/9/17

The doctors triage system seems to be working quite well. There's bound to be some who feel it is not working for them, but when you consider the time pressures and workload that the doctors, nurses, and the medical practice as a whole are under, I for one could not think of a better and fair solution. Elizabeth Mills

**'Just what Faringdon needs' 26/9** - 27/9/17

The old Nut Tree building was empty for a long time. Anybody could have rented it but typical, you want new shops but don't want to get involved yourself but expect everybody else to take a risk. You say, 'surely several like minded people would stand a chance if they all banded together' So why didn't you? Another estate agent isn't ideal but it's filled an empty shop and as we lost Harpers a few years ago and Allen & Harris many years ago then perhaps there is a need. It's good to have competition, maybe fees will drop! I was disappointed to see that the front of the shop has been altered so much though and what was a buggy/wheelchair and disabled friendly access now has a step. I'm surprised this was allowed. Name Supplied.

**OCTOBER HALF TERM KIDS CINEMA IN FARINGDON!** - 27/9/17

Weds 25th October  
Faringdon Regent Cinema @ The Corn Exchange presents:  
THE LEGO BATMAN MOVIE (U)  
Doors open 1.30pm, film at 2.00pm  
Tickets in Advance: £3 U18s, £4 Adults, £10 Family from Faringdon Information Centre, 5 Market Place  
Tel: 01367 240281  
Tickets on the door: £4 U18s, £5 Adults, £11 Family  
FREE squash! Sweets, popcorn, icecreams 50p

**RE: IMPROVEMENTS TO Medical Practice TRIAGE SYSTEM** - 27/9/17

My understanding is that the changes enable a patient to speak to the doctor of their choice for continuity of treatment - seems to make sense to me. Name Supplied

**RE: IMPROVEMENTS TO Medical Practice TRIAGE SYSTEM** - 27/9/17

It's difficult to see how this change is an 'improvement'. For patients it would appear to be yet another attempt to limit access to a GP by making it more difficult to make an appointment. I thought this was a public service funded by taxpayers money?

I appreciate that many people will try to see their GP with symptoms that could more sensibly be treated at the pharmacy or home. However, there are many more people, some quite vulnerable, who absolutely should see a GP and will be put off by a system that treats them as a nuisance rather than its raison d'être. Folly Man

**190 houses South of Highworth Road** - 27/9/17

Planning application [P16/V0775/O](#), for development work at Land South of Highworth Road Faringdon, is due to be considered at Planning Committee on Wednesday 4th October 2017. [democratic.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?Cld=102&Mld=2326&Ver=4](http://democratic.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?Cld=102&Mld=2326&Ver=4)

**RE: 'IMPROVEMENTS' TO Medical Practice TRIAGE SYSTEM** - 27/9/17

Correction required. The message should have read:  
"We are further limiting access to our GPs by introducing more changes to our booking system. From Monday 2nd October you will be able to ring and ask to speak to a GP of your choice, but will only get a call back if our triage system says you're ill enough. Otherwise you'll only get a call back from a Nurse (if you're lucky) and if we decide you're ill enough you may be offered an appointment the same day (but only if you're lucky). You will no longer be able to pre-book appointments [sorry we buried this crucial piece of information in the middle]. We are hoping that this will allow us to gain greater control of who can see a doctor, but we're selling it to you as a "better service for our patients..." If you have any questions, please speak to a member of the reception team, but we can't change anything so there's really very not much point!"  
Name supplied

*Ed: This is not from WHMP*

#### **Aviva Community Fund is Open- 26/9/17**

Grants for communities. Application deadline is 10/10/17  
[community-fund.aviva.co.uk/voting/user/moreabouttheawards](http://community-fund.aviva.co.uk/voting/user/moreabouttheawards)

#### **Just what Faringdon needs?- 26/9/17**

Just noticed that the old Nut Tree shop is now going to be another estate agents, well that will certainly drag shoppers kicking and screaming into the town wont it, just the sort of business that will have people flocking to buy a house. Of course there will be plenty to go around as local folk sell up and move away.

That lovely building would have made a wonderful arcade style of shop, four or five little businesses selling items that people actually want. No one person can afford to run a shop these days of high rent and rates, but surely several like minded people would stand a chance if they all banded together. Heyho, I look forward to standing outside the new house shop looking at houses I can't afford and listening to passers-by bemoaning how Faringdon is in it's last death throes .

Name Supplied

#### **Ferndale Choir- 25/9/17**

Great time to join in as we're starting some new songs  
Every Wednesday during term time. 6.45 for 7pm start (until 8.30pm), £3.50 per session  
Roman Catholic Church, Marlborough St  
Louise Woodgate, a local professional singer and singing teacher, leads the choir.  
No auditions, no need to read music, no experience needed- everyone welcome  
It's great fun  
Contact Louise [louisejwoodgate@gmail.com](mailto:louisejwoodgate@gmail.com) or just turn up

#### **Poppy sellers wanted - 24/9/17**

The Royal British Legion Faringdon and District branch are looking for volunteers to sell poppies at various locations around Faringdon (market place, Tesco and Waitrose) during the Appeal from 28 October until 12 November. If you are interested please contact [faringdonpoppies@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:faringdonpoppies@yahoo.co.uk) for further information.

#### **IMPROVEMENTS TO Medical Practice TRIAGE SYSTEM- 23/9/17**

We are improving access to our GPs by introducing some changes to our booking system.  
From Monday 2nd October you will be able to ring and speak to a GP of your choice. Your call will be put on our triage list as it currently does but we will be asking you, "Which doctor has been treating you?", if it is an ongoing problem and this information will be added to the list.  
You will receive a call back from a GP or Nurse and if it is necessary for you to be seen then you will be offered an appointment the same day. You will no longer be able to pre-book appointments so you will need to ring on the day that you wish to be seen and we will endeavour to see you that day. As long as the GP you wish to see is in that day, then we will, where possible, get your preferred GP to call you back.  
It would be helpful if you could call as early in the day as possible. For calls after 4pm we cannot guarantee you will be seen that day.  
There is generally a very high demand for appointments on a Monday and so we would ask that if your problem is routine, it may be best to call on another day.  
We are hoping that this will allow for more continuity of care and will be a much better service for our patients.  
If you have any questions, please speak to a member of the reception team, who will be happy to explain the changes we are making.

#### **Grants for projects in Rural Oxfordshire - 23/9/17**

Tuesday 10th October 2017  
Standlake Village Hall  
(Rack End, Standlake, Oxon, OX29 7SB [click here for a map](#) – parking at the hall)  
Calling farmers, businesses, community organisations, foresters and tourism providers. We have £1 million left to award to rural projects in Oxfordshire over the next year. Come along to find out what sort of projects are eligible and to talk to us about your individual projects.  
[Click here for the full Agenda](#)  
Please [register here](#) via Eventbrite.  
If you have any questions then please contact Oxfordshire LEADER on 01235 422245 or at [oxfordshire.leader@southandvale.gov.uk](mailto:oxfordshire.leader@southandvale.gov.uk)  
<http://www.oxfordshireleader.org.uk/>

#### **VWHDC Community grants - 23/9/17**

VWHDC offer the following grants to voluntary and non-profit organisations in the district, including town and parish councils.  
[www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/services-and-advice/community-advice-and-support/grants](http://www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/services-and-advice/community-advice-and-support/grants)

#### **White Horse Medical Practice Newsletter - 22/9/17**

Read the Autumn Newsletter on  
<http://www.whitehorsepracticeppg.org.uk/news--your-views.html>  
There's info about the new integrated care service on 111 too  
**The newsletter is also available on**  
<http://www.whmp.co.uk/news.aspx?p=K84051>

#### **Ref :: Recycling Week - 19/9/17**

Interesting to see that most of the Venues are Supermarkets such as Waitrose and Tesco ..  
A large proportion of my recycling is due to the Over packaging of products which I purchase from these very same supermarkets ..  
Isn't it about time that manufacturers and supermarkets did their bit to reduce the ever increasing and needless amounts of packaging instead of targeting households all the time .. After all household rubbish is a very small percentage compared to Commercial ..  
Toys and kitchen appliances held onto cardboard with wire , bits of plastic and screws , then placed inside boxes .. I bought a kettle which was inside three boxes , One box would have done .. A bottle of Brandy also in two boxes ..  
Dean Suckling

#### **Town Council September Newsletter - 18/9/17**

You can see the newsletter and sign up to receive by email on <http://faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk/?section=1>

#### **Orafric Sale. 30% off everything Starts 1st October- 17/9/17**

While Stocks last  
Open Wed- Sat 10am - 4.30pm  
4a Market Place

#### **Recycling week - 14/9/17**

Advisers from South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse District Councils will be manning information stalls to coincide with the national week of recycling celebration, which runs from September 25 to 1 October.  
These are taking place at:

- Charlton Park Garden Centre, Wantage: Monday 25 September, 10am-3pm
- **Waitrose in Faringdon: Tuesday 26 September, 10am-3pm**
- Tesco in Henley: Wednesday 27 September, 10am-3pm
- Asda in Wheatley (run jointly with Oxford City Council): Thursday 28 September, 10am-3pm
- Waitrose in Wallingford: Friday 29 September, 10am-3pm
- Market Place, Abingdon: Saturday 30 September, 9am-2pm

It will be the 14th Recycle Week organised by WRAP as part of the Recycle Now national recycling campaign for England. This year's theme is 'Recycling – It's Worth It' with an emphasis on the benefits of recycling items from all around the home.

#### **Message in a Bottle - 14/9/17**

The bottles are available from the Health Centre in Faringdon [Read this to find out more](#)  
The Message in a Bottle scheme is a national scheme, although it is funded very locally by individual Lions Clubs for their areas; in our case the nine Clubs of Oxfordshire Lions all got together in order to keep the costs as low as possible and to ensure that the yellow form met the needs of our local health services.  
If there are two people in a house, they need two bottles and to write their names on the top so that the Emergency Services get the right form first time.

#### **Pump House Project Autumn Newsletter - 12/9/17**

[http://docs.wixstatic.com/ugd/aa9dc5\\_4754100a146a45338fa68d4545c81fb3.pdf](http://docs.wixstatic.com/ugd/aa9dc5_4754100a146a45338fa68d4545c81fb3.pdf)

**Re Sadlers Gastro Evening - 12/9/17**

It is great to see that they are catering for time travellers ;)  
"7.30pm arrival for prompt 7pm sit down."  
Name Supplied

**Sadlers Gastro Evening Friday 22nd September - 12/9/17**

Theme ~ Corfiat (Greek Cuisine)  
£25 - 5 tasting courses including the traditional kum quat liqueur!  
7.30pm arrival for prompt 7pm sit down.  
Email: [info@sadlerscatering.co.uk](mailto:info@sadlerscatering.co.uk) or 01367 240678 for reservations.

**Grants from Oxfordshire Community Foundation - 9/9/17**

[http://oxfordshire.org/new-grants-round-open-focusing-on-poverty-and-deprivation/?dm\\_i=1OSY,55LHO,LUB5YT,JSSOR,1](http://oxfordshire.org/new-grants-round-open-focusing-on-poverty-and-deprivation/?dm_i=1OSY,55LHO,LUB5YT,JSSOR,1)

**Fireworks- Sudbury House Hotel Saturday 16th September 2017 - 9/9/17**

Please be aware that there private firework display at 21.40 on Saturday 16th September 2017 as part of a wedding celebration at Sudbury House.

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**Activities at the Pump House project - 5/9/17**

Every Wednesday **Community Singing Group** - with singing tutor Emily Marshall  
at The Pump House Project, Swan Lane, Faringdon 12noon - 1pm  
£3 per person  
A relaxed and friendly morning choir, open to all. We'll be singing songs and harmonies from around the world for well-being, for a sense of community and for fun.  
Come and find your voice with others.

Every Wednesday

**Cake Cafe**

at The Pump House Project, Swan Lane, Faringdon  
0930am - 1130am  
£1 for homemade cake and a hot drink  
An affordable way to meet up with friends or to socialise with new people. There is plenty of room for pushchairs and space for children to play. The daily newspapers are available and a range of board games too. For more information visit [www.thepumphouseproject.co.uk](http://www.thepumphouseproject.co.uk)

Every Monday

**FIT FOR LIFE** - with Denise Nethercott at The Pump House Project, Swan Lane, Faringdon

- 13.00pm-13.45pm Tai Chi
- 13.45pm-14.15pm Tea and Coffee
- 14.15pm-15.00pm Postural Stability (Strength and Balance) (Seated or standing)

£3.00 per person per class

Over 90's FREE

For all abilities. These classes allow you to participate at your own speed in a relaxed atmosphere with like-minded people.

To help improve flexibility, strength and over all fitness whilst having fun in a social setting.

For more information:

Please call Denise Nethercott on 07909 874 186 or email [d.nethercott@btinternet.com](mailto:d.nethercott@btinternet.com)

**Tesco Bags of Life tokens- please put them in the Folly section. - 4/9/17**

We have important work to do on the Folly Tower, that will cost a great deal of money.

The roof was repaired in 2011, electricity and fire prevention were upgraded and the staircase fixings secured, all funded from grants.

And now the Tower needs:-

- Pointing and weather proofing of the external brickwork
- Treatment of the hardwood windows, inside and out...
- Repairs to the staircase
- Decorating of the Belvedere and Lantern rooms and the entrance hall

The grant from Tesco will be a huge help

Thankyou

Gene Webb

Friend of the Folly

[www.faringdonfolly.org.uk](http://www.faringdonfolly.org.uk)