

New TV Programme looking for grandparents- 29/1/18

I work for a television company called [Shiver Productions](#) and we are making a new television programme for a major broadcaster. We are looking for vibrant, fun and outgoing grandparents who want to spend more time with their adult grandchildren (who must be 18 plus). I was wondering whether you might be able to share this information with your group in case there are any grandparents who might be interested in getting in touch with us.

In the programme, grandparents will spend one-on-one time with their multiple grandchildren in an attempt to learn about the pressures their grandchildren face, the lifestyle choices they make, their hopes for the future and what, if anything, is standing in their way of achieving them.

We are hoping to speak to people **by 2/2/18**. Please do feel free to contact me on 0207 157 4588 for more information.

<http://www.shiver.tv/>

Flowers in the Folly Woodland- 27/1/18

The bulbs are appearing- snowdrops and aconite are coming into flower. Loads of daffodil bulbs have appeared - they're only a couple of inches above the ground.

so please watch where you tread.

Gene Webb

Whats on - 27/1/18

Do send text and posters (needs to be a jpg) for any events you are organising

This site gets over 10000 hits each week, so there is a good chance your event will be noticed.

Ed

Town Council Public meeting. Notes - 23/1/18

Increase in Council Tax (Faringdon's only) will be £1.22pa. There was no mention of VWHDCs Council Tax increase.

Main expenditure is staff salaries and pensions. 13 staff. 8fte

Committee structure has changed

Change to delivering Youth services is being considered as takeup was low

Council budget includes £16650 as a contribution to the Childrens Centre service, run by Spurgeons. (Oxfordshire CC closed the service in the Baptist Church)

£20k is estimated as the cost of a disabled access to the Pump House garden. Grants are to be sought.

A resident proposed that there should be a 20mph speed limit in Faringdon. FTC support this. It needs to be discussed at Traffic Advisory meeting in March

FTC are having discussions with Nationwide for a pop up bank- to assess the need in Faringdon.

Ed

Recycling- what happens to it - 21/1/18

See the video of how Biffa deals with recycling. Quite impressive

<https://www.biffa.co.uk/about-us/operational-infrastructure/recycling/>

Name Supplied

RE: Waste - 21/1/18

Refuse tips - or Household Waste Recycling Centres as they're correctly titled - only charge for non-household or DIY waste items (defined by VWH District Council as: "materials created from the construction, demolition, alteration or repair of a home or garden. For example, sink, bath, kitchen unit, radiator, fence panel, bag of soil or rubble etc.").

So Grumpy Old Man is wrong to suggest that recycling rates may have dropped as a result of the charges. Any household waste can still be disposed of free of charge at Stanford in the Vale.

Folly Man

Ref.Gents Barbers - 21/1/18

Just strolling around the town yesterday in search of a haircut I thought I would go with the popular choice this time as spoilt for choice and being new to the area.

M&M 1 customer waiting and 1 being cut.

Turkish had 1 customer in chair shave

Barber shop 2 being cut and rain the chair

Choice was the Barber shop where I had very decent cut in fact well worth the price and decent conversation with the Barber.

I also read in reviews that they can handle young children so next time taking my 3 boys along.

Just a small town with varied choices of Barber shops I dunt envy the proprietors and the competition there must be.

G.C.

Re: Missing post - 21/1/18

I too have experienced post going missing only the other way. Post letters/cards in Faringdon only to find that they havent reached the destination, usually London. Now, when possible I post via Oxford or Gloucester.

Name supplied

Sport for people with as disability- 19/1/18

Hello Everyone, my name is Gareth and I'm the Disability Engagement Officer for the region and I'm looking to set up a session in the Faringdon Leisure Centre that people with a disability would like to try. Maybe a sport you may have tried once and would like to do more regularly or maybe a sport you like the idea of but have never given it a go before?

If you have any idea's or would maybe like to put me in touch with someone who would be interested in what I'm trying to achieve, then please email me – Gareth.davies@gll.org

Many thanks, Gareth

Missing post.- 19/1/18

Having had a number of recent online purchases go missing in the post. I was wondering if anyone else locally has had items go missing. These said items are not parcels, but are smaller items that will fit through a letterbox.

Regards Mark

re waste - 18/1/18

" we are now noticing waste levels rising and recycling rates have dropped"

Is the fact that the refuse tips are now charging, starting to take effect. I hear of people putting waste into their black bins rather than take it to the tip and pay. Also much packaging, especially the large amounts accumulated over Christmas is not marked as recyclable even though it looks like it should be.

regards

Grumpy Old man

Pump House Winter Newsletter - 18/1/18

See www.thepumphouseproject.co.uk/news-letter-archive

Community awards. Nominations deadline 9/2/18 - 16/1/18

[See poster](#)

Community Hero, Group, Business awards.

Deadline 9/2/18

Waste Strategy 2018 CONSULTATION ends Feb 18th- 16/1/18

Residents in Oxfordshire have been amongst the best at recycling and composting for a few years now, and our countywide recycling rate is around 60%, one of the best in the country. We can do better though; we are now noticing waste levels rising and recycling rates have dropped over the last few years despite residents being able to recycle more things at the kerbside. Reducing the amount that we throw away puts more money in our pockets – it is estimated that a family of 4 throws away around £60 of food each month. Around 60% of the materials placed in the bin could be recycled using our current systems, if this was all placed in the correct bin it would save the council around £1.7 million a year which could then be used to improve services.

All the councils in Oxfordshire are working together to seek your views on how we can help you to reduce the amount you throw away, and recycle more.

Talk rubbish with us and recycling too! video

Watch our short video and find out why we would like you to talk rubbish with us and about a few of our ideas that may help you to recycle more.

Video [Talk rubbish with us and recycling too!](#)

[Click here to respond to the consultation](#)

[More info on Oxf County website](#)

VWHDC Council

Deep Clean coming to Faringdon in February- 16/1/18

VWHDC will be here in February, sweeping, clearing weeds (not weedkill) scraping moss. They have asked FTC if there are any particular areas that need to be cleaned.

Contact Sally sally@faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk or Rebecca Jupp on waste.team@southandvale.gov.uk

Scroll down the News page on FTC website for more info <http://faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk/category/news/>

Recycling - 16/1/18

Many thanks Tony for the useful info on the recycling websites - it's nice not to be in doubt any more!

Mary Beck

Gents Hairdressers - 15/1/18

Well Trevor, we now have four barbers (at the time of writing) not nearly enough I think.

We could do with another couple of Coffee shops as well, there is a rumour that one of the main coffee shops in town are to have another brand of coffee shop in the corner of their shop.

With the demise of Lloyds bank a golden opportunity has opened up which would allow all the barbers and the coffee shops to occupy just one building making it more customer friendly. The charity shops could of course use the basement.

Perhaps when the Lloyds mobile bank bus turns up every second Tuesday in the month they could incorporate a mobile hairdressers in there as well...and of course with a complimentary coffee machine in the corner so the queuing masses could keep warm while standing outside in the inclement weather because we all know how Lloyds care and worry about their customers.....bet your glad you moved now eh Trevor!!!

A bald coffee hating Faringdon resident

Recycling and waste - 15/1/18

A while back someone commented on waste contamination - the links provided were useful, but even better (I think) are these two documents available on the VWHDC web-site. What surprised me was just how many types of plastic waste CAN be recycled in Oxfordshire!

<http://www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/services-and-advice/recycling-rubbish-and-waste/recycling/what-can-i-recycle>

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Tony Tarry

Gents hairdressers- 15/1/18

How many gents hairdresser's in faringdon now?

Trevor Wynn

Senior Citizens' Party Saturday 14th April - 14/1/18

The Faringdon & District Rotary Club annual Senior Citizens' Party will take place this year on Saturday 14th April at Faringdon Community College.

We will be delivering invitations in good time as usual to all those on our list and transport will be provided for those who need it. Numbers are limited by venue capacity so if you know of a family member, neighbour or friend who is not on the list and would like to attend, please, as soon as possible, contact Catherine Blaxhall on 01367 241500.

Mike Bell

Faringdon Library Rhyme Time Needs Your Help! - 14/1/18

If you can spare half an hour once a month to help with our popular rhyme times at Faringdon Library ...please let us know.

Sheena

Tel: 01367 240311

Stagecoach West will be introducing their revised route 66 timetable as from Sunday 18 February.- 12/1/18

Service 66 Swindon & Faringdon connecting to Oxford.

We've added new Saturday & Sunday early morning and evening journeys and retimed most buses to improve our punctuality.

We'll still run up to every 20 minutes on weekdays and Saturdays and every 30 minutes on Sundays.

Here is a link to the timetables:

https://tiscon-maps-stagecoachbus.s3.amazonaws.com/Timetables/West/66_Swindon_18_February_2018.pdf:

Marcus Laphorn

Please be careful in and around The Folly woodland- 5/1/18

Tree surgeons have visited the Folly and found there is considerably more damage to the trees than was first realised. The damage will be dealt with as soon as work can be scheduled. This work can't be done in windy conditions.

In the meantime, please take great care if you choose to walk in the woodland, though we advise that you shouldn't. There are a number of places where broken branches have not fallen and pose a hazard to anyone below. Notices have been put all round the woodland

Faringdon Folly

GO Active, Get Healthy with Diabetes- 3/1/17

For people with Diabetes - because getting active can help you manage your condition.

Meet monthly, the first week of each month:

Wednesday 8pm - Faringdon Leisure Centre

Saturday 9am - Faringdon Leisure Centre

Booking required or contact us to send a pack out if you cannot attend. If you are not Diabetic and wish to take part in this program, there will be a £10 registration fee.

To sign up, please complete our Diabetes Survey at www.getoxfordshireactive.org or call Ashley Chapman on 01235 422219

Coach Lane Cemetery parking. - 2/1/18

Appeal to those who use this car park as their own. Visited here on Christmas Day on my way back from work, and had a devil of a job to park up in the layby as it was so full! Couldn't have been people visiting as at that time I was the only one there paying my respects.

Come on people show some respect. The layby is for those visiting and not a council amenity for those who live nearby to park!

Who is supposed to police this? I dare say it's the same people responsible for the constant all day parking on London Street and Ferndale Street to name just two streets whose parking restrictions are constantly flouted.

So please people, Coach Lane Cemetery layby is NOT an all day/night free car park. Please show a little respect.

Name Supplied

Ferndale Choir New Term from 10/1/18- 2/1/18

FERNDALE CHOIR Term Starts 10 January

"It's cheaper than therapy, healthier than drinking and more fun than working out!"

SING to feel good

SING to improve

SING to let go

Wednesdays 7.00-8.30pm Term Time Only £3.50 per session

Free first trial

No experience needed

JOIN US AT: The Catholic Church Marlborough Street Faringdon SN7 7JE

Doors open 6.45pm

Everyone Welcome

For more information please contact: louisejwoodgate@gmail.com / www.ferndalehcc.weebly.com

Monday 1st January 2018

'Thanks to everyone for a fabulous 2017, wishing you all every happiness and success in 2018'

From all the team at The Wheatsheaf.

We look forward to seeing you soon