

Cashpoint needed - 31/7/18

I really think the people of Faringdon need a cash point in the centre of town and as soon as possible

Christine Moorhouse

Consultation: Developing an Older People's Strategy for Oxfordshire 2019 - 2023- 30/7/18

This is open from 26 Jul 2018 at 10:00 to 3 Sep 2018 at 09:00.

We are asking anyone who might be interested in the development of a new Older People's Strategy for Oxfordshire, including professionals and older people, to share their views on what is important to people as they age. To do this, we have set up a short

survey: <https://consult.oxfordshireccg.nhs.uk/consult.ti/OPDeV/consultationHome>

The new Oxfordshire's Older People's Strategy will outline how all health and care organisations across Oxfordshire will work together to help you stay as fit and healthy as possible for as long as possible; and, if you need more help, how we will ensure we work together to support your needs.

I would be grateful if you could share the link to this survey with any groups or networks that you are involved in, and more widely in your communities, encouraging anyone that might be interested, to respond: <https://consult.oxfordshireccg.nhs.uk/consult.ti/OPDeV/consultationHome>

If you are part of, or organise any groups with older people over the summer and would like us to come and talk to you, please contact us on 01865 334638 and we will do our best to come along.

If you have any queries about the survey or this work, please contact us

on cscsu.talkinghealth@nhs.net or on 01865 334638.

Grants for Youth volunteering projects- 25/7/18

Grants of between £1,000 and £5,000 are available for projects or events that encourage young people aged between 10 and 20 (25 for disabled people) to volunteer, fundraise or campaign for causes they care about. For the first time this grants programme will be run via match-funding platform [The Good Exchange](#), until the funds are spent, or 30th October 2018, whichever is soonest.

<https://e-oxfordshirecommunityfoundation.org/1OSY-5RQZV-A0LUB5YT8A/cr.aspx>

Misplaced watch on Sunday 22nd July 2018 - 24/7/18

Lost on the grass at Buscot Weir, my Grandson's Rotary Skeleton Automatic Watch. A much loved Birthday Gift from his Mother

If found, please contact Christina on 01367 241265 who will be happy to give £50 reward.

Christina Field

4 new apartments on land off Portway- 24/7/18

Application ref P18/V1732/FUL

www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/java/support/Main.jsp?MODULE=ApplicationDetails&REF=P18/V1732/FUL#exactline

This is the parking area and garden of Ferndale School

Builder wanted- 24/7/18

I am looking for a recommended bathroom specialist builder in Faringdon and also someone who specialises in making loft hatches bigger, putting in ladders etc? Many thanks.

Annabelle Lily

The Pump House Project Programme for Follyfest - proud to be a fringe venue! 28th and 29th July

For full details of our children's activities, family events and more visit www.thepumphouseproject.co.uk/follyfestfringe2018
Or get in touch at info@thepumphouseproject.co.uk

Sat 29th July

Fancy Dress Treasure Hunt

Pick up your map at our stall in the market place, available all morning Bring your treasure to The Pump House Project to see who will walk the plank! £1

Kids Craft session

@The Pump House Project with a Pirate and Princess theme 10.30 to 11.30am FREE

Accompanied children only

Fancy Dress Disco

@The Pump House Project Pirates, Princesses and Mermaids theme - what will you come as?

0-11 years, Accompanied children only

12.30-2pm, £1

Tea Dance

@The Pump House Project with tea by The Folly Dollies

3.30-5pm

Sunday 29th July

Stay and Play, 0-7years @The Pump House Project

'Under the Sea' theme - fancy dress if you fancy!

10.30-12.30pm, Accompanied children only

£1, Drinks & snack

Drama society presents - a one act comedy

@The Pump House Project 'Last Tango in Little Grimley' - an hilarious one act play

2-3pm FREE

Throughout the weekend, don't miss:

- The Positive Pigeon Project - a mass installation of origami birds at The Corn Exchange and The Folly Tower
- Pop-up picnic beach @ The Pump House Project - Bring your own picnic
- Baby VIP changing and quiet feeding space @ The Pump House Project

Faringdon Town Council are hosting a series of Free history events in the town - 14/7/18

We are looking for people to bring any objects (photographs, diaries, letters, medals, souvenirs, etc) that people have kept from World War One, or stories that have been passed down, to our Digital Collection Day. We will then record your story, or photograph the object, and get details from you on their background and upload this to a major website. The website will be freely available to anyone to use and will help preserve these key objects and documents from the War.

Please come along to the Corn Exchange Faringdon with your objects **between 10 and 1pm on Saturday 21st July, 2018**. There is no booking needed.

We will have experts on hand to help to give you more information on the items. There will also be

refreshments, artefact-handling and an opportunity to talk to members from the wider community. Frontline living history will be there dressed as period characters. For more information, please visit our facebook event <https://www.facebook.com/events/660910157601568/> or contact Faringdon Town Council on 01367240281

Memories of the Folly- 13/7/18

For lovely memories of the Folly Tower and woodland. See <http://www.faringdonfolly.org.uk/folly-memories.html>

These were performed by members of Faringdon Dramatic at their Faringdon Follies performance in June.

We'd like to collect more memories- please do send yours enquiries@faringdonfolly.org.uk

Gene Webb

PS The Tower will be open from 11am-5pm on Sunday 15th- on another warm and sunny day.

Cat found- 12/7/18

The cat we found last week has been re-united with his owner.

He lives in Stanford in the Vale with his brother cat and his owner had been looking for his lost 'Gekko' for 3 weeks!

Happy endings all round.

Many thanks to Medivet in the Coxwell Road for scanning his chip and contacting all the other local vets in our efforts to find his owner.

David Turner

Flight circuits - 12/7/18

A view circuits @ 1900hrs 10th June to entertain for a short time. This aircraft also formed part of the Royal Airforce centenary celebrations, overflying London.

Operating out of the RAF Memorial Flight at Coningsby ready for Fairford display.

[See picture](#)

Pat Hayton

A regular overflight over Faringdon, - 9/7/18

- today 8/7 @ 07:10hrs, this Piaggio P180 flight from Cheltenham, Staverton airfield. An unusual aircraft sounds like a 'chainsaw'.

[Picture and flightpath.](#)

Pat Hayton

Museum exhibition to open in Faringdon- 6/7/18

A new exhibition 'Hospital: Faringdon's Pump House in WWI' will be opening in the Pump House in Faringdon, from Saturday August 18th 2018, and will run for six months.

The exhibition will feature original items from the Red Cross's historical collections and items from Oxfordshire Museums' Service collections as well as previously unseen items from Lord Faringdon's personal collection at Buscot Park.

Lord Faringdon's grandmother, Lady Violet Henderson, became a registered Red Cross member in 1907 while nursing her husband, brother, father and uncle, who had been wounded in the Boer War of 1899-1902. With the onset of war, she offered The Pump House in Faringdon to the Joint War Committee as an Auxiliary Red Cross Hospital. Within months, it had run out of space and had moved to her home, Kitemore House at Shellingford, where she and many others cared for over 242 wounded 'inmates' over the next 11 months.

The exhibition is being curated by Faith Carpenter, Director of The Company Curator, with the support of Faringdon Town Council and Buscot Park Estate.

Faith says: "I'm very much looking forward to showing the photographs and stories of those who were recuperating at the convalescent hospitals in Faringdon and Shellingford. It's only a small exhibition, but we have fascinating photographs, documents and letters from some of the wounded soldiers and sailors, who were troops from many of the Allied countries, and we hope that some of the families in Faringdon will be able to find details of their ancestors".

Finding details of ancestors will be possible thanks to the exhibition's most important item - the Admissions and Discharge Book, on loan from Buscot Park, which details every man who stayed at the hospitals, giving his name, rank, wounds and other information.

Members of the Faringdon History Society are undertaking the painstakingly slow work of deciphering the handwritten entries and transcribing them so that visitors can look at an alphabetical list of men who stayed. The information in the book will also provide a great deal of information about things like types of wounds, length of stay, areas from which the troops came and average ages.

The exhibition will have an associated events and activities scheme, details of which will be available soon.

Faith would like to involve local residents and to show stories and items with local importance. "We are asking anyone who has items connected with Faringdon's hospital in WW1 if they would like to lend them to have them displayed, or to tell us their stories to see if they would be suitable for featuring in the exhibition. It will be lovely to be able to show items from Faringdon in the exhibition and to tell the stories of those involved."

If you have a story, photograph or an item connected with the Red Cross Auxiliary Hospitals at the Pump House in Faringdon or Kitemore, please email heritage.assets@thecompanycurator.co.uk.

Faith Carpenter
Director

Budgens - 5/7/18

Not sure if this is just idle gossip but I saw some official looking people outside Budgens today. Two of them had T-shirts with the word "Everyman" as a logo.

A quick internet search returns a high end cinema chain, barbers chain or a playhouse.

I'd prefer a playhouse but they looked too young and fashionable for that.

Anyone heard anything else?

Andrew

Well done Greenwich - 5/7/18

..... for answering point by point the grumblings of an earlier contributor and well done Name Supplied 3/7 for sticking up for our nice little town.

We have to get used to the fact that the Market Place is no longer the town centre, it is just somewhere the buses of our excellent bus service stop and turn round. The town centre is now Tesco's and eastwards to the A420.

What is happening is called evolving and it has been happening ever since the first inhabitants set up camp to take advantage of the water in the stream that now runs under the narrows between the Market Place and the Corn Market.

Dennis Haynes

Thanks - 5/7/18

Thanks again to all who donated to Macmillan Cancer Support, sponsored cycle ride I completed recently.

An email receipt for the money is now on display in McColl's paper shop window , and also at Shepherds Bakery Shop , London Street.

Jeff Wilson

Re Another 190 houses- 4/7/18

It's not too difficult to understand why all these new houses are being built. It's called greed.

1. "All the council wants is money, from anywhere they can get it, and these developments prove to be a cash cow."

I don't see how this is greed. The profits go to the developer and not to any council. Depending on when the planning permission was granted the councils receive either S106 or CIL money towards improving infrastructure and facilities for the local area. This money is earmarked in advance for specific improvements.

2. "The problem is that there is no infrastructure to support them."

The S106 or CIL is only levied when the 50th house has been sold.

3. "The town centre is dead. There is really no reason whatsoever now to go into the centre. There is nothing there. Tesco have seen to that, and Waitrose and Aldi have just added to the 'Marie Celeste' town centre."

I don't disagree with you there but it is an economic situation happening all over the country. No council is in a position to dictate to landlords, shopkeepers and banks as to how they can conduct their businesses. They can only try to influence them.

4. "The roads are crumbling fast and at best are now patchwork quilts. London Street and Coxwell road are now single track roads, and twice a day Canada Lane is a war zone."

Again this is a nationwide problem and, according to the press, the government is helping local authorities to deal with the problem. If you have specific complaints report them to <https://www.fixmystreet.com/>

5. "Is it any wonder that no sensible independent trader wants to set up shop in the centre. It will not last long with virtually no footfall.

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Which council? Town/Parish who are a consultative body of volunteers with no powers to change the economic decisions made by businesses. District Council, County Council or Central Government? Faringdon Chamber of Commerce is currently very short of members and practically non-existent. Both the Town Council and the Chamber are made up of residents of Faringdon and have exactly the same concerns as all the other residents. Despite the "greed" you appear to think the councils are influenced by, they do not have the economic clout to change things.

As a personal opinion, if you look at old pictures and photos of Faringdon there were weekly livestock markets, the coaches came here to stop overnight and there was a major assizes court here. Faringdon didn't die when those went, it evolved and I suspect the same will happen this time.

Greenwitch

re. Housing Developments- 3/7/18

Please, folk, could we STOP with the recent spate of negative comments about local building developments and the town centre etc.

There is a lot going on in the town if you are prepared to look for things to do and to contribute.

The Community Bus will get you to a cash-point, and the Lloyds Mobile Bank comes often enough and seems perfectly efficient. The Post Office is there for cash, too. Just choose a time of day when it's likely to be less busy. We have the fabulous 66 bus and the very useful 67.

You only have to spend a bit of time on either of these buses to realise that house- building is going on all around us. If you go further afield you see houses going up everywhere, not just in the Vale.

Name Supplied.

Cat found- 3/7/18

We have found a cat, white with distinctive tabby markings, wandering around the Orchard Hill estate. We have checked at the vets and found that the cat is microchipped but no record of the owner could be found. If it is yours or you know of anyone whose cat is missing please contact us through this website. genewebb@rocketmail.com

Name Supplied

[Picture](#)

Another 190 houses- 2/7/18

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Re: another 190 houses..- 2/7/18

It's difficult to see why these developments keep getting approved when OCC only get £2.5m out of the deal, still at least the town gets £57k for vital public art instead of wasting it on things like a traffic warden to at least try to keep the traffic flowing.

Name Supplied

Lord Berners W heatsheaf Ale (ABV 4.7%) NEW ale on the bar at The W heatsheaf

Freehouse- 1/7/18

Lord Berners W heatsheaf Ale is a beautiful amber colour, brewed with English malt & hops....perfect for a summer's day.

Lord Berners W heatsheaf Ale badge has been hand-crafted & hand-painted by Phil Taylor who is a commercial artist to the brewing trade.

We hope you enjoy our new ale on the bar from The W heats