

Dogs - 28/8/19

Please can folks stop their Dogs barking ALL day. Dogs are left outside all day. Some dogs you don't even see out walking.

So they are bored

Please control your dogs barking

Name supplied

Events in Wantage - 25/8/19

Lester Piggott: Born to Ride Exhibition - 19th August – 21st December. Celebrating champion jockey Lester Piggott who was the first baby born in the maternity unit at Wantage Hospital in 1935. Life size bronze statue of Lester Piggott was unveiled by Lester himself on 18th August in the museum garden. Check out the museum Facebook page @valeanddownlandmuseum to see a video from the unveiling.

Colours of the World Exhibition – 10th September – 14th September. An exhibition of photographic art from Photogenic Photography. Meet the artist Saturday 14th September 10 – 11am.

Contemporary Art Exhibition – An exhibition of art work from J C Clayton.

Mystery Object Talk 17th September 11.30am - Join museum volunteer Jim in the Museum galleries for a 15-minute informal talk to learn what a mystery object from the museum's collection is, what it was used for, it's provenance and historical reason why it was needed. Free admission but donations welcome.

Friends of the Vale & Downland Museum Day Trip to Winchester Cathedral – Friday 27th September – Visit the stunning new exhibition Kings and Scribes: The Birth of a Nation. The coach will leave Seesen Way (behind Wantage Library) at 9.30 am on Friday 27th September. It will depart from Winchester at 4pm to return to Wantage. You will be free to tour 3 levels and the 4 galleries of the exhibition have lunch in the Cathedral cafe or indeed visit the town for lunch and shopping. For more information go the www.friendsofthevdm.org.uk The cost of the coach will be £18 for Friends and £20 for Visitors, no lunch or coffee is arranged as you are free to decide how to plan your day. Tickets available now from the museum reception.

Mini Music at the Museum – Monday 9th September 10 – 10.30am – A fun and friendly music session for under 5's. Join museum volunteers Sem, Maureen & Hazel for traditional songs and rhymes accompanied by live music. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Suggested donation £1 per child. Please sign up in advance at the museum reception, 01235 771447 or info@valeanddownlandmuseum.org

Wantage Country Market – Every Friday morning 9.30 – 10.45am – The perfect place to buy homemade cakes, jams, chutneys and puddings as well as homegrown vegetables and flowers, fresh eggs and a selection of crafts.

Museum Book Group – Every 2nd Friday of the month 2 – 3.30pm – Each month sees a new book read and discussed in this relaxed friendly group. For more information and to join please email info@valeanddownlandmuseum.org.uk. Free to attend but please support the museum café.

Knit Knot & Natter – Every 3rd Friday of the month 1.30pm – 3.30pm – A friendly informal group of crafters coming together to share knowledge and crafts. Bring along your own project, take tuition from other members or just come for a natter. Free to attend but please support the museum café.

Al Cane's Buskers Programme for 24th August- 21/8/19

[See poster](#)

Faringdon Market Place from 11am

Survey re Musculoskeletal (MSK) service- 20/8/19

ie Physiotherapy. Survey. Open until 30th August

https://consult.oxfordshireccg.nhs.uk/consult.ti/MSK_survey./consultationHome

The 5th Annual Faringdon "Bangers & Beer" Festival - 19/8/19

..... in aid of The Pump House Project and The Place, will be at The Corn Exchange, Faringdon on Friday 27th and Saturday 28th September.

The two-day event will feature 14+ local beers, complemented by local ciders from The Cotswold Cider Company and another opportunity to "Pimp Your Prosecco" (first seen at the recent Folly Fest).

As well as the excellent drinks on offer, you will also be able to sample a range of locally produced sausages and burgers, provided by highly acclaimed Pat Thomas Butchers based here in Faringdon.

Throughout the festival, local bands will be performing and we are looking for local businesses to sponsor a barrel of beer.

Entrance to the festival is free and there will also be an opportunity to purchase a Festival glass as a memento.

All the proceeds will be used to support local activities to benefit the community, so please come along and enjoy the event.

For further details of the line-up of beers and bands to follow...

Ferndale Choir- first session of new term. Wednesday Sept 4th- 18/8/19

Catholic Church Hall, 7.15 for 7.30. Til 8.45pm

Just turn up and sing. No auditions, no need to read music, no experience needed- everyone welcome

Free Parking in Southampton St car park, less than 2 minutes walk away.

Weekly Fee £4.50 Trial session free

Use the rear entrance.

Louise Woodgate, a local professional singer and singing teacher, leads the choir.

We sing a variety of songs: folk, religion, musical theatre, pop and classical.

We meet every week during Term Time

More information 07900 682 366 or louisejwoodgate@gmail.com

Folly Tower Newsletter August 2019 - 16/8/19

Great news.

We came first in the Tesco tokens Bags of life. So we get £4,000. Thank you to everyone who helped

We want to get the cannon repaired or replaced and have the other sculptures refurbished and made more weather proof. We'll probably get the outside boards redone/replaced and improve the signage to the Tower.

We may have enough money for an additional sculpture.

Any suggestions?

The Giant Pie

Over the years we've made many attempts to grow things on the giant pie, e.g. camomile, grass, clover, green roof plants- nothing works. Now the framework is disintegrating yet again.

The current plan is to remove it altogether and find another way to represent a pie (to go with the 24 blackbirds).

Ideas very welcome.

You'll have heard I expect, that the piano in the woodland has been replaced (with huge thanks to Claire at the Piano Gallery).

It's an extremely popular attraction and is wonderful to hear it being played.

Plans are underway for it to be decorated.

As an experiment, we have decided to open the Tower 4 times in September (1st, 8th,15th and 22nd).

We still have some spaces to fill (on 15th September)

Please do let me know if you can help.

Some years ago we surveyed our visitors to find out how far they had travelled to visit the Folly Tower. We thought we'd do it again during September. There'll only be 3 questions to ask.

We'll be asking the volunteer in the Belvedere room to do this.

Dog mess - getting worse

I've asked the Vale to help us remind dog owners that they should pick up and bin their dogs faeces. We will be getting some bin stickers, posters and I hope the pavement stencil.

Thank you very much to the people who pick up after the dogs belonging to others. It's so very much appreciated.

And finally, many thanks for all of our volunteers for all of their help and dedication.

Friends of the Folly

If you'd like to receive our news email (around 5 times pa) just let me know genewebb@rocketmail.com

Folly Tower open this Sunday 18th Aug

Take a stand against scams - 16/8/19

Faringdon Library is working with Trading Standards to stop you being scammed

Come and join us for a cup of tea or coffee Friday 16 August 5pm

Relaxed question and answer

Monument Community Trust. 10th anniversary giveaway- 14/8/19

<https://www.mct-oxfordshire.org/events/>

An amazing opportunity to win £1000 for your cause, plus a great range of other prizes, including website review, photography package, legal advice and social media support. Four lucky finalists will be selected to pitch at the event on **Wednesday 9th October**. It's going to be a wonderful celebration!

Deadline now 31/8/19

Crisp Packet Recycling- 13/8/19

Please bring along your crisp packets to the Information Centre in the Pump House and for every 2kg The Place will receive £2.

Together we can save crisps packets from going to landfill.

The Place

New Wantage Leisure Centre will not be going ahead - 11/8/19

<https://www.heraldseries.co.uk/news/17804325.new-wantage-grove-leisure-centre-39-will-not-going-ahead-39/>

You may remember that the previous VWHDC council planned to spend £226k of developer money arising from Fernham Fields development on a new Wantage Leisure centre (our then conservative councillors thought this was perfectly acceptable).

There is now some hope that the money will be spent here. I've been told that the decision to abandon the new leisure centre project has not been formally made yet, but the aim is *"Where practicable, they would also prefer housing developer contributions for leisure facilities to stay in the communities the houses are being built in, and councillors plan to discuss what options there are to achieve this aim with existing agreements."*

Our new Libdem councillors are working hard to make sure the £226k money is spent in Faringdon.

Festival Grants open for applications - 8/8/19

Organisers of community events in the Vale are invited to apply for some of the £10,000 worth of festival and events grants on offer from Vale of White Horse District Council.

Recently the council grants have helped fund many events across the Vale including Oxfordshire Play Association free children's activity days, Abingdon Cycling Festival and the Grove and Wantage Extravaganza.

Applications are invited from 1 August for grants between £250 and £1,000 to help with community events or festivals taking place in the next 12 months.

Applications can be made via whitehorsedc.gov.uk/grants and event organisers have until February 2020 to apply.

Faringdon Town Council Newsletter - 8/8/19

July edition

<http://faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk/faringdon-official-newsletter-july-edition-2019/>

Faringdon Community Bus trips - 8/8/19

2 outings per month. Schedule for Set/Oct/Nov and Dec now on the [poster Noticeboard](#) or on <http://www.faringdoncommunitybus.co.uk/trips.htm>

POP up Business school Shrivenham - 5/8/19

This autumn, the South and Vale Business Support Team will bring the free five-day PopUp Business School to Shrivenham for people looking to start and/or expand their own business without using any money.

Each day from 7-11 October, the PopUp Business School will be held at the Viscountess Barrington's Memorial Hall, from 10am to 3pm, to give practical advice on how to get a business idea off the ground through a series of hands-on workshops.

The informal workshops help give people the vital skills they need to help them make money doing what they love, and everyone is welcome to attend all week or just turn up to the workshops they feel are most useful.

This is the fourth time that South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse District Councils have hosted the event to encourage residents to start their own business with previous events in Didcot, and earlier this year, in Faringdon and Berinsfield.

At the Faringdon and Berinsfield events, nearly half of the people that attended the courses started a business and made their first sale by the end of the week. The new businesses included local crafts, professional services, arts and entertainment, and a food business.

People can register to attend the Shrivenham PopUp Business School

via <https://www.popupbusinessschool.co.uk/shrivenham.html>

Farmer Gow's - 4/8/19

..... friendly farm animals enjoy meeting visitors of all ages. Families welcome.

Meet the Animals every day - bottle feed a lamb or a goat kid, tickle the piggies, handle a fluffy chick.

Tractor Rides, Adventure Play in the bales, Treasure Hunts ... the farm fun starts every day at 10am.

Farm reared meats for a tasty BBQ - logs & kindling for a chimera.

Camping ~ Tractor Rides ~ Meet the Animals ~ Adventure Play.

Tasty freshments available all day. Picnics also welcome.

S6 bus, new timetable - 3/8/19

Stagecoach Swindon are introducing a new timetable for the S6 bus service between Swindon & Oxford as from Sunday 4 August.

Here is the link: <https://tiscon-maps->

[stagecoachbus.s3.amazonaws.com/Timetables/West/Swindon/2019/S6.pdf](https://tiscon-maps-stagecoachbus.s3.amazonaws.com/Timetables/West/Swindon/2019/S6.pdf)

The daytime off peak 15 minute frequency is being reduced to a bus every 20 minutes. This will be the first time since 2001 that the former 66 now S6 bus service has been cut back.

Marcus Laphorn