

BUNCH OF KEYS FOUND - 31/7/19

.....on Radcot Road (with red tag and names) this afternoon 31/07/19. We will hand them in to the Tourist Information Centre tomorrow morning.

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30th Anniversary - 31/7/19

The Faringdon British Heart Foundation Fundraising Branch celebrated their 30th Anniversary by hosting an afternoon tea and raffle for residents of Oakwood House. Oxfordshire Fundraising Manager, Lowri Gerrard was in attendance and thanked all members of the branch personally for their incredible support and they have been issued Volunteer Service Awards.

Thankyou - 31/7/19

I would like to thank all the people who stopped to help me when my silver landrover broke down on Saturday 27th July.

You were all very kind and I did get rescued eventually - the RAC were very busy

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Vote for the name of a boat- 27/7/19

Council needs your help – Vale of White Horse District Council has been offered the chance to name a new boat belonging to Abingdon Rowing Club and it is inviting everyone to help choose one.

The council gave the club a capital grant of £3,809 towards rowing equipment and a new double scull racing boat, which now needs a name.

[Read more](#)

Scrap Metal!!- 25/7/19

It's the weeds the detritus, and the patched and crumbling pavements that makes the town look scruffy

Name supplied

Tesco fridges - 26/7/19

When I left for a vacation three weeks ago, Tescos had been having problems with their freezers and chillers for a couple of weeks. Returning today I see that if anything there is even less stocking of shelves than there was before I left.

Is there any news as to when the problem will be fixed? Aldi must be rubbing their hands with all the new customers they are attracting!

Tony Tarry

ED: They were fixed for a short time, but then went wrong when the weather got hotter

Farcical.- 26/7/19

Whats the betting that the banners on the Folly tower will be removed far quicker that those eyesore pink bikes still making the town look like a travelers encampment, just need a couple of horses free grazing on the planters in the town center and someone flogging wooden pegs on the Tuesday market day to finish off the look.

Name supplied.

Horses - 26/7/19

Can we do something about the horses that have no water on Whitehorse business park they keep going on to the main road and we going to have a accident before long .the owners don't want to know

Name Supplied

Scrap Metal - 26/7/19

The previous poster has rather hit the old proverbial nail. Farcycles cried out for a "pink" town, fair play, they shifted their stuff after Follyfest the rest of the litter still remains.

So, do Farcycles have responsibility to remove the junk that has been effectively dumped at their request, or are we to assume at some time the council will bring a skip round and charge FTC for the waste disposal?

Just asking.

Mike Perks

Scrap metal.- 24/7/19

Why for pity's sake do we still have several pink bikes scattered around the town making the place look scruffy?

The bike race went through weeks ago, the Follyfest, now over for another year never really needed them, Christmas is coming of course so are they going to be there waiting to be adorned with holly (de-pricked of course in case someone gets injured) and mistletoe?.. is there a prize for last bike standing?.....are they going to be sculpted into a bike angel and erected in Folly park? I'm quite sure if it had been some local neerdowell dumping these things all over the town the great and the good would have been up in arms about it and complaining about the local youth desecrating the towns beauty,.....and on the same subject, doesn't the Volunteer look lovely, any visitors coming into the town probably just keep going straight back out again.

Name supplied

Tour de Farcycles this Saturday - 22/7/19

If you look up at our beautiful Folly Tower then you'll see that it's already glad-ragged for the Tour de Farcycles this Saturday.

The forecast looks as if it's going to be perfect weather - for a leisurely 35 mile bike-ride through our beautiful countryside! (or 70, or 100) .

Wonderful camaraderie, delicious refreshments, marshals, and fully sign-posted.

Why not get together with a couple of friends? See <https://farcycles.weebly.com/le-tour.html>

Policing Survey - 17/7/19

See https://www.matthewbarber.co.uk/policing-survey-2019?mc_cid=2dd3d3073c&mc_eid=aaf6ace7bb

Lester Piggott statue, Wantage - 17/7/19

Statue unveiling ceremony & exhibition press preview: 18 August 2019, 12-2pm Exhibition opens: 19 August 2019

[Read about it](#)

Faringdon Market- 16/7/19

Looks as if it has revived- quite few stalls- plants, books, cards, sweets, eggs, bakery.

Worth a visit

Ed

Lost Wallet - 15/7/19

I lost my wallet in town centre last Thursday hope someone hands it in.

Mike Sweeney Galaxy54@hotmail.co.uk

Re Folly Fest - 15/7/19

Can I just say how fabulous everything was with all the hard work getting Folly fest going and running it over the weekend. What an amazing event for Faringdon and wonderful that all enjoyed it so well.

The pity I do have is why nothing ever gets to the Oxford Mail or advertising the event further afield. The Oxford Mail are quick to report on negative aspects but never good and it is such a shame that this still seems to be a hidden festival that only Faringdon residents know about. Can something please be done next year to really shout out to the rest of Oxfordshire that good things happen in our town.

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A week of cycle training for children from 5-9 August at the Faringdon Cycle Park.- 14/7/19

Each day:

9-10 Getting little ones started on balance bikes (we have a stock of 10 balance bikes) - suitable for age 3-6yrs

10-11 Progressing from balance bikes or bikes with stabilisers to pedalling a bike - suitable for 4-8yrs

11-12 Preparation for cycling on the roads / road safety - suitable for 9-12yrs

It's FREE!

Best to come each day if possible, but not essential.

Bring your own bike if you have one, but we do have a stock of bikes for use in training sessions.

Book places via cycle@farcycles.org.uk

Explosion- 13/7/19

Anyone know what that huge explosion was yesterday(Fri) afternoon? I was playing Walking Football at Faringdon FC

it sounded very close.

Jim Webb

Exhibition in the Corn Exchange- 13/7/19

Do go and see the 'Feast' on display. A huge banquet of knitted/sewn/crafted food- from licorice allsorts to pasties to cakes, cheese and pies. It's fantastic.

Here are some pictures. [Picture 1](#) [Picture 2](#)

A Pump House Project activity

Ed

BRILLIANT NEW CYCLE PARK for FARINGDON - A hit with children and adults alike! - 12/7/19

Spearheaded by Lyn and David Williamson and Gavin Hopkins, this Farcycles led initiative has created cycle training facility at the Folly Sports Park

Their vision is that every child and every adult in Faringdon has the opportunity to learn to cycle safely. The park is designed as a mini village with a road layout mirroring Faringdon, including junctions pedestrian crossings and a roundabout. Fun landscaping features include models of iconic local landmarks such as the Folly Tower, All Saints Church, Old Town Hall and a miniature White Horse Hill.

Cycle training will initially focus on 3 main groups :

1 complete beginners children and adults

2 beginner/ intermediates - who want to progress onto just two wheels and learn road safely

3 for partially sighted people and those with mild physical disabilities.

Summer cycle training classes are planned so watch this space.

Many families are already enjoying the use of the cycle park which is a free facility for local people.

Creating the park has been fun, and has brought the best out in people.

If your children are benefiting from the cycle park and you would like to join the Friends of Faringdon Cycle Park group, please contact cycle@farcycles.org.uk

Funding has come principally from a European rural development grant (Leader), with significant contributions from Faringdon Town Council, Oxford County Council, Faringdon Charitable Trust, FEAT, Faringdon United Charities, Faringdon Art society, Music Mayhem Weekenders, Faringdon Community Choir, Calpe Trust, Geo - 4D, and the many other individuals and local business who have generously given their time and talents.

Lyn Williamson

Ed: Super photos in [Photos and maps section of this site](#)

US army in Faringdon - 12/7/19

I am trying to ascertain whether anyone has any knowledge or information, regarding the US African American Army (57th Ammunition Ordnance Company) based in/nr Faringdon during WWII (1943/1944)

Kind regards

Naomi-Jane Sparrowhawk

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Classical FollyFest - 8/7/19

Sunday 14th July. Piano Gallery, London St. 11am-4pm - Updated schedule

- 11.00 Sjoerd Vogt: tenor, and piano, songs
- 11.15 Amy Thakurdas: French horn and piano
- 11.30 Tom Graff: virtuoso piano solos
- 12.00 Game old birds: piano ensemble.
- 12.30 Cherry Tree players wind Quintet and septet
- 1.00 Halfpenny singers
- 1.30 Bassoon, horn - It's all about the bass.
- 2.00 Faringdon U3A recorder consort: Early music, Spanish Music, 1930s Tango
- 2.30 Philip Cresswell: piano solos
- 3.00 Megan Hooper, soprano. Chris Emlyn Jones baritone, Marion Creaser piano
- 3.45 Felicity Cormack violin, Lyn Williamson piano. Miniature Viennese March to finish

Faringdon Welcomes Buskers- 7/7/19

To let everyone know that there's a community led initiative to make Faringdon a busker friendly town and to celebrate the musical talent that is already here.

A group of like minded people have come together to form a group called 'Faringdon Welcomes Buskers' and we're planning a Market Place programme of acoustic music performers on Saturday 24th August (Bank Holiday) from 11 to 3pm.

We welcome solo performers, duos, trios and possibly more, of any age, who play or sing, in any genre of music.

From 5 minutes to a 20 minute set.

If anyone is interested in playing, or finding out more please join our facebook page Faringdon Welcomes Buskers and we'll keep you informed or email alcitizencane@gmail.com

We have a few slots already filled but there's room for many more. Will update through this site too. Thanks Al Cane

Al Cane

FARINGDON CYCLE PARK Official opening- 4/7/19

Sunday 7th July 4pm Come and celebrate this wonderful new local facility

Drone flyover taking photos

Brass Band

Refreshments

Cycle training

Your chance to influence a proposed White Horses Project!- 4/7/19

The North Wessex Downs Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty team is hoping to develop and deliver a project based on the theme of the 'Landscape of the White Horses', but the staff need your help!

Please take a couple of minutes to complete the brief survey in the attached link.

Answering the questions will help the AONB team better understand the extent to which the White Horses are valued as well as tap your thoughts on how funding to support the project should be spent.

Please complete the survey by 31st October 2019 and share the link with others, so that they may participate. Many thanks.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/VDH8BDP>

The Innocent Big Knit, Faringdon Library from 5th July - 3/7/19

Faringdon Library, Gloucester St

Fridays during July 2.00-3.15

Bring needles and wool

We have wool and knitting patterns

Refreshments available

OVO cycling in Faringdon - 3/7/19

<http://www.faringdon.org/2019-ovo-tour.html> In case you missed it

Ed

***Big Jumble Sale* - Sat 6th July -** 2/7/19

2-4pm - Faringdon Corn Exchange.

Please join us for our big JUMBLE SALE in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support. Saturday 6th July 2-4pm at Faringdon Corn Exchange.

We have lots of amazing jumble / bargains, books, toys, clothes, Cakes, Refreshments. Plus a Tombola and wonderful Raffle with lots of amazing prizes including a Family Photography Shoot, Kindle Fire, Hamper, Giant Unicorn and a magnum of champagne (& more!). Come find a bargain. Opened by the Mayor at 2pm. 50p entry. We hope to see you there. :-)