

Winners of Faringdon in Bloom 2019- 30/6/19

Best Patio Garden – Audrey Curnock and Edward Wheeler
Best Business Hanging Basket or Box – Perry Bishop and Chambers
Business Hanging basket or Box Highly commended – Stay grounded
Best Business Floral Display- ACACIA UK
Business Floral Display Highly Commended – African Children’s Fund
Best Allotment – Michael Sprules
Allotment Highly Commended – Andy Harper
Best large Garden – Stephen Stallard
Large Garden Highly Commended- Joyce Wright
Best Small Garden – Scharlie and Wim Meeuws
Small Garden Highly Commended – Mary McGuigan
Joy to the Community- Faringdon Infant School
Joy to the Community – Faringdon Library
Joy to the Community Highly Commended- Faringdon Bowling Club
Joy to the Community Highly Commended- ACACIA UK
Best Junior Miniature Garden- Amelie Cook
Highly Commended Junior Miniature Garden – Isaac Moore
It was wonderful to see so many beautiful gardens enter this year and we look forward to next year’s competition.

War Memorial Trust Remembrance Exhibition- 28/6/19

The War Memorial Trust and the Royal British Legion will be holding its eleventh exhibition of war time memorabilia in the Old Town Hall to reflect on the impact that wars have made on local families. This year marks the 80th anniversary of the outbreak of the Second World War as well as the 75th anniversary of D-Day.

If you have any memorabilia, stories, photographs or any documents that you would like to share concerning the events leading up to the outbreak of WW2 and its aftermath in 1939, or the events of D-Day and the Battle of Normandy in 1944, please bring them to the Faringdon Town Council offices (in the Pump House on the Market Place) before Wednesday, 6th November; the office is open between 9:00 am and 4:00 pm, Monday to Friday.

If you have any interesting memorabilia concerning other conflicts please bring them along. We would be particularly interested in stories and memorabilia on how WW2 affected families on the ‘home front’; e.g. blackout, rationing, evacuees, daily life, etc. Any precious items that you may think to be too valuable to exhibit can be photocopied and the Trust will take care to return original items to their owners.

The exhibition will be open to the public from 10:00 am until 4:00 pm on Friday 8th and Saturday 9th November, and after the Remembrance Day ceremony on Sunday 10th until 1:00 pm. Volunteers who would like to help in manning the exhibition should contact the Council Offices on 01367 240281.

White Horse Medical Practice supports Breastfeeding- 27/6/19

Need help with breastfeeding?

We have a Mother Supporter who can help.

Tel/text Sarah Oliver 07974 938 265

We have also set up a breast pump loan scheme in collaboration with Faringdon Breastfeeding Café.

If you would like to borrow a breast pump please contact Sarah Oliver at White Horse Medical Practice on the number above or Beth Collier at Faringdon Breastfeeding Café at Faringdon Baptist Church on Fridays 12 – 1.30pm

The Elms Girls Grammar School in Faringdon - 19/6/19

Lots of photos and information about the Elms, on the [Faringdon Girls Grammar School](#) page

Thanks to everyone who contributed.

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Tool marking event on Saturday 29th June.- 19/6/18

Please come along with your tools to be security marked or just come along to speak to us about any local concerns.

10am - 1pm Outside Screw Fix, Old Sawmills Road, Faringdon

Julia Williams (Police, Neighbourhood Policing Admin, South Oxon and Vale)

Womens Cycle race pictures and the pink bicycles- 17/6/19

Great pictures and videos taken in Faringdon

[On the photos and maps page of this site](#)

Ed

Faringdon doctors best (again) for research - 14/6/19

Faringdon's doctors are delighted to have topped the health research league tables in our region. Over the year 2018-19, more patients took part in GP-led research in Faringdon than with any of the other 230 GP surgeries across three counties. Faringdon team leader Dr Simon Cartwright explained, "Taking part in GP research can provide our patients with access to drugs and technologies that are not currently available on the NHS. Being in a trial also comes with enhanced safety monitoring which wouldn't be part of normal GP care. Interestingly, patients have been shown to do better in general at those practices where research is done."

Chris Symon, the local Primary Care Research Facilitator from the National Institute for Health Research (NIHR) Clinical Research Network, Thames Valley and South Midlands observed "Over the last six years the White Horse Medical Practice has become a shining light of primary care research in Oxon, Bucks, Berks and Milton Keynes thanks to the support of staff and the many patients who have volunteered to take part. Those studies have been wide-ranging including diabetes, asthma, depression, gastroenterology and obstetrics to name a few".

Doctors have been running clinical trials for over 270 years, with the first recorded one taking place in 1747. Dr James Lind researched the causes of scurvy (which often killed more sailors than did the sea battles) on board HMS Salisbury. His six day trial consisted of 12 men grouped into pairs who were given a variety of dietary supplements ranging from cider to oranges and lemons. Lind noted an improvement in the group eating fruit which provided him with the evidence to link scurvy and citrus fruits. And even today some patients need to be reminded of the importance of vitamin C.

[Faringdon's Health Centre Research Team. \(L-R\) Sarah Oliver \(Research Administrator\), Dr Vicky Glover \(Principal Investigator\), Dr Simon Cartwright \(Research Partner\), Debbie Warwick \(Research Nurse\)](#)

Smarter Faringdon - 14/6/19

Good News- The Bell, BGI (Portwell House)and the Old Town Hall have been given permission for repairs and decoration. I think maybe the Crown has too.

Let's hope other building owners will follow suit eg Former Barclays Bank

Name supplied

Womens OVO Tour - great video of Faringdon- 13/6/19

I hope you didn't miss it coming through Faringdon- it was all such good fun.

Here's a video- Faringdon bits start about 1 min

in <https://www.facebook.com/thewomenstour/videos/456006735216434/>

What a splendid occasion- so many people put in so much effort - especially Sjoerd Vogt. Crowds of people- school children, old folk, fire fighters- people of all ages enjoying the occasion and enjoying Faringdon.

Music from Al Cane added to the party feel.

Faringdon at its best

Ed

Many congratulations to the Pump House Project! - 13/6/19

Mary Beck

The Pump House Project Charity celebrates after receiving £50,000 from the National Lottery to help with a new community initiative

"Bright Futures 4 All" - 11/6/19

The Pump House Project, a local community charity, is today proudly celebrating after being awarded almost £50,000 in National Lottery funding to support its work and help develop a new initiative "Bright Futures 4 All".

The charity, based in the heart of Faringdon, Oxfordshire will use the cash to provide training sessions and workshops which will enable those in the community who perhaps need a stepping stone to gain the confidence and skills required to get out into the community whether it be through employment, volunteering, starting new hobbies or simply meeting new people.

The Pump House Project, is a non -profit organisation and completely self-funded by donations, grants and fundraising events. The charity has been running for 6 years and is managed by a project coordinator, volunteers and a board of Trustees. From its inception the Pump House Project adopted an ethos of inclusion and community spirit which guides everything that the charity does; what was once an abandoned theatre it is now a thriving hub of activity and community connections. The Pump House Project remit is unique, combining a joint ambition of ensuring that not only a physical space for the community exists; but also taking the lead in the area to create a diverse programme of activities within the building to facilitate social engagement and reduce loneliness.

Over 700 people of all ages use The Pump House Project building on a weekly basis and it is host to many groups including Scouts, craft groups, parent & child groups, exercise classes, The Cake Café, Disco Dots, Urban Movement Academy – to name a few!

The Pump House Project were also honoured to receive the Queen's Award for Voluntary Services in 2017 – giving the volunteers the credit which they all deserve.

The new funding from The National Lottery Community Fund, which distributes money raised by National Lottery players for good causes and is the largest community funder in the UK, will be aimed at increasing the collective skills base, knowledge and awareness of the charity, its staff, volunteers and selected users to develop new activities and training to enhance lives, reduce the effects of loneliness and isolation and increase social engagement of the rapidly expanding population of Faringdon and the surrounding villages.

As part of THE GLORIOUS 12TH (when the Womens International Cycle Tour passes through Faringdon - just in case you didn't know ;-) see [HERE](#) for further info) - there will also be the

- THE PINK PEDALBIKE PARADE -

FIFTY lamp posts along the route through Faringdon will be FESTOONED in decorated bikes. Each bike will proudly proclaim the name and description of the club/society responsible - and will stay in place for a minimum of FOUR weeks.

Participating in the **PINK PEDALBIKE PARADE** is a GREAT opportunity for you to shout out to the community how wonderful you are.

CALLING ALL OWNERS OF CRONKY BIKES!

Are you perhaps the owner of a suitable two-wheeled velocipede that could be PIMPED UP IN PINK?

Perhaps YOU would like to do the pink pimping yourself - on behalf of your club/society?

Or - alternatively - you may simply want to donate a worthy steed to the cause. If so - then simply drop it off at the "TWO WHEELS BETTER" bike shop - bottom of Coxwell St . Guy Goodwin has very kindly offered to be the drop-off and pick-up point for all pimpable pedalbikes. (yes - that's right - you can pick up a pimp-up from him as well!)

And - it DOESN'T have to be rideable - it just has to be pimpable. In fact, Guy will even take off the pedals for you, and turn the handlebars around - so that it can be fixed to a lamp post safely and securely without taking someone's eye out....

And I DO hope that you will want to take part in what is going to be a truly memorable occasion!

Tea and cakes on Folly Open days - 8/6/19

I'm fundraising for a fire walk in September for The Nasio Trust and will be serving tea, coffee and cakes at The Folly from 11 until around 2 (weather permitting) on the The Folly open days. All proceeds will go to this worthy cause.

<https://www.thenasiotrust.org/>

Natalie Thrussell

PS Next Folly Open day is 16th June

Youth Grants - 8/6/19

The Youth Grant programme is still open and we are inviting everyone to send their application.

Please note that the applications dead line is now the **28th of June at 00.00 am.**

Youth Funding application form and the Policy document

on <http://faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk/youthgrantfunding/>

Should you have any question or run into any problem you can reach out

at office@faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk

Best of luck!

In order to avoid missing any future dead line please subscribe to the following link to be part the Community Group Mailing list.

<http://eepurl.com/dCGFPf>