

**Planning permission sought.10 Market Place /1 London Street Faringdon SN7 7HL- 28/3/19**

Internal alterations to convert existing offices into residential accommodation on the first and second floor of a three storey end of terrace property to provide two self-contained lettable flats with two bedrooms each; including modern bathroom and kitchen facilities.

But no parking

This is the African Children's fund charity shop- Cheltenham and Gloucester years ago

<http://www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/java/support/Main.jsp?MODULE=ApplicationDetails&REF=P19/V0668/FUL#exactline>

**Faringdon Country market - 28/3/19**

Faringdon Country Market will not be open on Good Friday ( 19th April) but will move to Saturday, 20th April.

Corn Exchange, 09.15 to 11.00 am.

**Planning permission sought- for a Spa at Sudbury House - 20/3/19**

Proposed extension to Sudbury House, Faringdon to create a new spa with swimming pool area, changing rooms, spa treatment rooms, lounge, dining area, as well as a gym. An additional 30 car parking spaces and cycle parking provisions will also be included.

Target decision 8/5/19

<http://www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/java/support/Main.jsp?MODULE=ApplicationDetails&REF=P19/V0646/FUL#exactline>

**A big thank you from Faringdon Rotary - 20/3/19**

.....to all who have helped us in our fund-raising. Here is just some of the support it has enabled us to provide:

Young Carers, Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA) Outward Bound Course, Faringdon FAAAZE including annual trip to Cotswold Wildlife Park, Ferendune Court, Senior Citizens' Annual Tea Party, Youth Speaks Competitions, The Pump House Project, Vale Tridents, Faringdon, The Place, Family & Childrens Project Faringdon, Bromsgrove Day Centre, Festive Faringdon & Christmas Lights-On, Oxfordshire Motor Neuron Disease Association, Kabwata Primary School, Zambia, Nepal - Earthquake Appeal and HORAC Home for Child Rescue, First Responders, Faringdon, Clanfield, Southmoor & Longworth Pre-Schools, Longworth Primary School, Kingsmoor Community Club, Hinton Waldrist, Town Defibrillator, Life Education Bus for Schools, Faringdon Scouts, Interact (Rotary Youth), RotaKids, Faringdon Netball Club, Helen & Douglas House, Late Spring for the bereaved, Thames Valley Air Ambulance, Riding for the Disabled, Southmoor, Shelter Box & Water Aid, Polio Eradication Programme, Sierra Leone Ebola Orphans Michael Bell

**District Council Elections May 2019- 19/3/19**

Prospective Candidates are (I believe):-

David Barron Conservative ( current Town Mayor , Town Councillor 2/3 years)

David Price Conservative ( former Town Councillor)

David Grant Liberal Democrat

Bethia Thomas Liberal Democrat. (Current Town Councillor since 2018)

Steve Leniec Labour ( Town councillor of many many years)

Al Cane Labour ( current town councillor, 2/3 years)

Formal nomination process starts next week ends 3/4/19

Ed

### **Faringdon**- 18/3/19

What is "badmouthing" and moaning to some, is quite justified criticism to others. We who also care about Faringdon, will call those to account who make decisions which directly affect us. Yes, similar problems are occurring all over the County, but that doesn't make them right or acceptable. If your retired and your children are grown up then maybe your lucky, but with School capacity and funding issues, water and sewage problems, longer and longer commutes to work then things are on a downturn for many.

I do hope that Faringdon will one day be as thriving as Wantage or Abingdon.

Regards Mark

### **Music Marathon- A Weekend of Music, Art and Dance Sat 11th, Sun 12th May** - 17/3/19

Corn Exchange Faringdon

Showcasing Local Talent

Proceeds towards Faringdon Childrens' Cycle Training park

Details will be added to <https://farcycles.weebly.com/folly-sports-park.html>

[See poster](#)

### **Hear, hear from me too.** - 16/3/19

I recently fractured my elbow in the park at Crystal Palace. I was treated at Lewisham A&E and had surgery to wire the elbow the following day. I was with family in Honor Oak for a week and well looked after.

But on my return to Faringdon I was immediately able to relax in my own home with caring neighbours. The first day I ventured tentatively into town I was stopped by no fewer than a dozen people. Some were friends, some acquaintances, some shopkeepers. All showed genuine concern, equally genuine offers of help, and I felt I had come home to an ordinary little market town, with an extraordinary capacity to care.

So...please stop badmouthing Faringdon. I have never regretted moving here from Reading, and will happily spend the rest of my life here.

Lynn Pettit

### **Faringdon is charming**- 14/3/19

To name supplied 13/3. Please don't be discouraged. Faringdon IS a charming market town. Yes, a lot of the street lights are out but the days are getting longer and, hopefully they will be fixed before winter. The traffic is no worse than anywhere else. The TV and phone signal are excellent where I live. As for resentment, you will find people with something to moan about wherever you live. Yes, some shops are closing but others are opening.

Faringdon has a lot going for it and I wouldn't live anywhere else. I hope your offer is successful and if it is;

Welcome to Faringdon and I hope your stay will be long and, I'm sure, happy.

Dennis Haynes

*Ed: Hear Hear*

**Calor 2019 Rural Community Fund** - 14/3/19 Calor Gas have just announced that they looking for applications for £70,000 worth of funding, available to local communities.

There will be 21 grants worth up to £5000 each for deserving causes, such as decorating a community centre, new equipment for scout groups, etc. To get all the details and to apply go to [www.calor.co.uk/communityfund](http://www.calor.co.uk/communityfund).

Applications for entries close on Monday 29th April.

### **Temp Road Closures in Faringdon** - 13/3/19

See <http://faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk/>

Southampton St, Gloucester St, Skinner's Alley- but not all at the same time!

**Faringdon** - 13/3/19

I just wish I'd read all of this a couple of weeks ago. I've just made an offer on a very nice house in Faringdon, thinking it was a charming market town. Now I hear that it has bad street lighting, bad tv and phone signals, traffic problems, resentment for the new housing, shops closing down.....

Oh dear!

Name Supplied

**Bohemian Rhapsody (12A) to be screened on Friday 29th March is SOLD OUT**- 12/3/19

Thank you to everyone who supports the community cinema.

Faringdon Regent Cinema in The Corn Exchange

For future cinema screenings please visit [www.faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk](http://www.faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk)

**Folly Tower Annual meeting Thursday March 21st** - 7/3/19

7pm till 8.30pm in the Faringdon United Church at the junction of Gravel Walk and Coxwell Street.

Please come along for an update on the progress we have made during last year and hear about our plans for the forthcoming season.

If you'd like to volunteer, do come along .

[www.faringdonfolly.org.uk](http://www.faringdonfolly.org.uk)

[Folly Facebook](#)

**Propagation. Mystery or simplicity? Free event** - 5/3/19

How to get many plants for next to nothing. Paul Gray

Recently retired to Faringdon Paul has been a Gardener for well over 40 years including many years as a Head Gardener for the National Trust. Paul would describe himself as a very hands on gardener and loves every aspect of nature.

Having given many talks over the years to small and large organisations Paul always tries to inspire everyone from the first step amateur to fellow professionals.

On Friday 15th March at 17.45 Paul will be speaking about propagation at Faringdon Library.

An illustrated talk with lots of practical demonstration.

There will also be an open question time afterwards.

**The Community Bus is back in service** - 5/3/19

**re: Gt Coxwell junction with A420** - 4/3/19

Before they started building any houses on Steeds farm, the plan the developers showed to me had a roundabout and slip roads there. That was conveniently forgotten/shelved. I don't believe a word of what the developers and council promise. Just look for the new Primary School that was supposed to open Sept. 2016. it's still a green field.

Regards Grumpy Old man

*ED: I'd heard it said that the differing levels of the land between Coxwell Road/old A420 and the A420 made a roundabout unsuitable.*

**Re: Gt Coxwell junction with A420** - 4/3/19

... sounds like another case of the infrastructure arriving well after the houses are built & sold (assuming the money from the developers ever arrives..)

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*Ed: One agreement says something like 'when 50 houses are occupied or a design plan is in place which ever is the later' There are 2 other agreements involved. Judith Heathcoat says some money is being spent on design- so I guess some has been received*

### **The Bell's mural-** 3/3/19

One gets used to losing things as the years pass, and I guess the pretty mural in The Bell was always at risk, so I wasn't particularly surprised to be told by an out of town correspondent it has been painted over. I haven't myself been into The Bell lately so I can't definitely confirm the painting's demise. In case the report is true, I thought it would be nice if something about the artist was recorded somewhere for Faringdon people to read. If it's not gone then the following might persuade whoever now owns The Bell to value the mural more.

Anthony Edward George Baynes (1921-2003) was a painter, illustrator, muralist, furniture decorator and theatre and stained glass designer. Born in New Zealand, he came to London where he studied at the Slade School of Art, partly during its wartime relocation to Oxford, where his fellow students included Kyffin Williams and Bernard Dunstan, and later at the British School of Archaeology in Greece. He remained in the Mediterranean for some years, where he painted, travelled and occasionally taught. In the early 1960s he returned to England and settled in the village of Minster Lovell, near Burford, near Oxfordshire.

He illustrated and designed book jackets for *The Cretan Runner* by George Pschoudakes (1955), *Europa Minor: Travels in coastal Turkey* by Lord Kinross (1956) and *Hide and Seek* by Xan Fielding (1954). Among his work as a muralist he executed schemes for Portsmouth town hall; the naval barracks in Portsmouth and Plymouth; Solihull Civic Hall; the Stock Exchange dining room and many church and private commissions. His work combines Greek and Byzantine style with Neo-Romanticism in the manner of Rex Whistler, John Minton and John Caxton. He was a regular exhibitor in Oxfordshire and held one man shows in London and Athens

John King

### **Please can anyone help or know someone who may be able to help.-** 3/3/19

I am desperately trying to move to a 3 bed property. Have done everything the council and sovereign have asked and have been bidding for 3 years. Have come 1st on 8 properties but all deemed unsuitable as are new builds and can't be adapted or are unsuitable for adaptation. I need a stair lift and level access shower or a 3 bed bungalow / flat.

I have been offered a house already adapted for my needs but because of an OT that met for half an hour she is saying she won't support my move because of concern for my children's safety if they are upstairs arguing or if there is a fire!!!

Sovereign have said they can't go against this recommendation.

What the hell do I do know?!?!

Helen Cooper

Ed: Roger Cox and Mohinder Kainth are our District councillors- contact details on [VWHDC website](#)

### **White Doves -** 3/3/19

White doves

Since last November a flock of about 13 white doves spends its days in my garden. Has anyone any idea where they might have come from?

Mary Beck

### **S106 money for Faringdon Library -** 2/3/19

Judith Heathcoat ( our County Councillor) is investigating firstly how much money is available through S106 ( at least £70k has to be spent by Jan 2022 else it must be returned to the housing developer) for the library, and then planning how it should be spent.

The rooms above the library are now unused (except the History Room). The library would benefit from moveable shelving such that the space could be used more flexibly used by the Community.

Ed

## Traffic Advisory meeting 1/3/19 - 2/3/19

- Faringdon pavements, Market Square. It will be known if there will be funding to repair and improve these by the end of March 2019
- Gt Coxwell junction with A420. In design stage- for traffic lights. Funding has to be received from the developers. Completion unlikely within 12 months
- LTP5 (Local transport plan) to be published this year.
- Various repairs scheduled- Gloucester St, Southampton St see [www.roadworks.org/](http://www.roadworks.org/) - OCC engineer said all roadworks for next 3 months were on here
- £40k s106 money earmarked for a Better ways to school scheme (no longer active) will be used to improve cycling across Faringdon.
- Responsibility for failed Pothole repairs was questioned. To be investigated
- A420 safety being questioned. OCC traffic engs believe it is within bounds. Judith Heathcoat to write to Ed Vaisey. Government money is needed to improve safety aspects. It was felt that improving crossing places in some locations would encourage more people to use the buses.
- Civil Parking enforcement is under consideration. VWHDC at Feasibility stage. OCC have agreed in principle. They will need to apply to the Minister to get the proper permissions. It seems it will be a long time yet- it was suggested that at least 3 years is needed for the planning and implementation.
- FTC have asked for advice about enforcement of parking in spaces between Pump House and Lloyds that was

Minutes of previous Traffic Advisory meetings  
on <http://faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk/?s=traffic+advisory>