

Have you voted yet? - 29/5/19

2685 so far, Target 3000 votes. so at 10 votes per person that's only 32 more people needed

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Litter Pick May 25th - 28/5/19

Around 20 people, some with children, turned out last Saturday. Many many bags of rubbish were collected.

The town centre area was fairly litter free, but sadly small detritus and weeds were very evident. On pavements outside some businesses were many, many cigarette ends. It is clear that some businesses and residents in the town streets sweep and clean outside their premises.. Wouldn't it be good if more did.

Name supplied

Home Care Services review - 23/5/19

Home Care is a vital service that keeps people living in their homes for as long as possible. Oxfordshire County Council is reviewing Home Care Services (for example, washing, dressing, medication prompting service) it buys from providers in Oxfordshire. We are holding a workshop for about 50 people on the 3 June from 10am to 1pm. The audience will consist of, people who receive Home Care, providers of Home Care and people who work in Health and Adult Social Care. The workshop's purpose is to set the scene for the review and discuss key themes, for example, Home Care Standards and managing increasing needs.

We are looking for people/ or representative carers across Oxfordshire who:

- Receive Home Care now, following an assessment from Social Services or Continuing Health Care

- Struggle to find Home Care, for example needed to wait in hospital for Home Care before they could be discharged
- Self -funders of Home Care – people who buy and pay for the service directly from the provider.
- People/ representative carers of people with different needs, for example high physical needs, dementia etc.

Please contact Maryse Pomlett by email on maryse.pomlett@oxfordshire.gov.uk to express an interest in attending. Thank You we look forward to hearing from you.

Spring Quiz – Pump House Project- 23/5/19

Many thanks to all those who came to the Pump House Project Spring Quiz last Friday, 17th May. We had a large turnout of 10 teams and the Box of Booze prize was won by Four Candles with 90.5 points.

The prize for the lowest scores was a couple of Pound Shop biros and was won by Dumb and Dumber on what was, quite frankly, a reasonable score of 61 points. Points were out of a total of 110 (including the picture rounds).

I learned yesterday that we have made just under £300 for the Pump House Project, so well done all who came and helped this brilliant cause.

These are the total scores for all the teams.

Four Candles 90.5

Misfits 86.5

Bar Barlicious 84

Scruffy Beans 79

Scrambled Egg Heads 74

Trilemma 74

Prosecco Pals 72

Dottie's 4 72

The Nannies 72

Dumb and Dumber 61

Look out for the next quiz in the Autumn!

Fiona Merrick

Town Meeting Monday 20th May.- 21/5/19

Excellent turnout for the meeting last evening. I guess c 50 people, including many of the new town councillors.

The town council produced an annual report, [which you can see on the FTC website](#).

Just a few points I noted- there was much more discussed

The new District councillors, Bethia Thomas and David Grant, both are aiming to make sure that the Vale and the Town council work together for the benefit of Faringdon. They are setting up a facebook page for anyone to post on, as well as have face to face surgeries.

McColls in being refurbished in June. We were told that it will provide some fresh food. The Post office will move to the front of the shop.

The bargain centre will be closed while the floor is being repaired.

There is no recent news about Budgens

Al Cane is aiming to revitalise Saturdays in the town, with music and other activities

Crime figures by place can be found on <https://www.police.uk/thames-valley/N378/>

Litter pick 2-5 May 25th

Town Meeting Monday 20th May.- 18/5/19

Corn Exchange, 7.30

A meeting for Faringdon residents to find out what the Town Council is doing, meet new Town Councillors, make your suggestions

See <http://faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk/?section=23#jp-carousel-11012> to see what the responsibilities are of each of the local councils.

[Here is another version](#)

Temporary Road Closure, Gravel Walk - 18/5/19

28/5-31/5

<http://faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk/temporary-road-closure-gravel-walk-between-lechlade-road-and-station-road-roundabouts-28-may-31-may-2019/>

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Neighbourhood policing- 16/5/19

Priorities

Burglary: A lawnmower was stolen from a shed in Sudbury Court, Faringdon. Please make sure your tools and garden machinery are locked away securely. Keep sheds in good condition and postcode mark all your tools as this will act as a deterrent and increase the chance of stolen items being returned.

Burglary remains a force priority. Please visit www.thamesvalley.police.uk/police-forces/thames-valley-police/areas/advice/home-security-guide/ to download our security guide which contains a range of physical and digital security measures to protect your home. There is also advice on how to avoid invalidating your home insurance through poor security and a handy checklist when going away. You can also click on a link to sign up to Thames Valley Alerts to receive local crime updates from us.

County Drug Lines: As a neighbourhood team we have been focusing on County Drug Lines.

We have been provided with intelligence that suggests dealers have been using Faringdon. County Drugs Lines is the name given to a type of drug dealing by organised crime groups (OCGs) who create a network between a city and a smaller town. A closure order has been obtained from the Magistrate's Court for a house in Faringdon where drug dealing is suspected to be taking place.

Anti-social behaviour (ASB): We received a report about a large group of football supporters in the town centre causing ASB. The Faringdon neighbourhood team attended, and with force wide support and assistance from Wiltshire police, ensured the peace was kept and that the supporters were moved on.

We have received numerous complaints that young people have been smoking cannabis. In response to this the team have been stop checking and searching young people who are believed to be linked to this. The neighbourhood team have been focusing on ASB moving people on and giving suitable words of advice to those involved. Acceptable Behaviour Contracts have been provided to those repeat offenders who must comply with the conditions listed on the contract.

Offenders brought to justice

Faringdon neighbourhood team received a call about suspicious activity in a local pub. The team attended and contained the area until other units arrived. Five arrests were made and a large sum of cash was seized along with drug related property

Trailer thefts

We have had a small spate of trailer thefts in the local area, if anyone sees anyone acting suspiciously around properties or areas with trailers can this please be reported on 999. We would advise that trailer owners review their security. Trailer hitch locks and wheel locks are advisable and if possible use a vehicle to block the trailer in.

Active communities

- Faringdon neighbourhood team have been liaising with local parishes in moving forward with the community speed initiative to try and cut down on speeding through our small local villages.
- With Ramadan ongoing we will be focusing on supporting our local Muslim community during this time to ensure their wellbeing and safety.
- We will be arranging Have Your Say meetings so members of the public can come forward and talk about local concerns. The time and location will be placed on the TVP Facebook page.

Please get in touch/follow us using the following:

E-mail: FaringdonNHPT@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk

Twitter: @tvpsouthandvale

Facebook: www.facebook.com/tvpsouthandvale

Phone: 101

Always phone 999 in an emergency

Are you interested in having a stall at Faringdon's BIG Volunteer Event on Saturday 8th June? - 12/5/19

Apologies for the short notice but the event details have just been finalised today in partnership with Faringdon Council.

The BIG Volunteer Event is a fantastic opportunity for Faringdon based voluntary organisations to promote themselves and their volunteering opportunities, meet potential volunteers, find out how to engage with them both online and face to face and find out how Oxfordshire Community and Voluntary Action (OCVA) and Faringdon Council can help and support you in recruiting volunteers and promoting your organisation.

It promises to be a wonderful local, community focused event that is family friendly and that helps groups recruit volunteers.

There will be up to 25 stall holders of Faringdon based voluntary organisations

A Café serving tea / coffee, breakfast and lunch

A flea market

We are hoping between 100-200 people from the local community will attend the event.

Further details to follow.

The event will take place on Saturday 8th June from 10am to 1.30pm. However, stall holders are expected to be there at 9.00am for a briefing and to set up their table / stand. The event will take place at The Corn Exchange, Corn Market, Faringdon, SN7 7JA.

Please feel free to circulate this email to others who may be interested in this event and help us to promote it.

If you are interested in having a stall or want further details, please contact me:

Tariq Khandoker

Oxfordshire Community and Voluntary Action (OCVA)

Oxford, OX1 1SS

Tel. 01865 251946

I Look forward to hearing from you!

GET READY FOR THE GLORIOUS 12TH - WHEN WE PAINT THE TOWN PINK!
WOMENS INTERNATIONAL CYCLING TOUR COMING THROUGH FARINGDON:

WEDNESDAY 12TH JUNE 1PM-2PM - 10/4/19

LIVE GLOBAL MEDIA COVERAGE - BIGGEST EVENT TO HIT FARINGDON THIS CENTURY!

How can YOU (and your school, Club, Business, Society, School, Church, Shop ...) get involved?

EASY! We're going to line the streets of Faringdon in PINK ! YOU can be :

- - Dressed in PINK
- - Waving PINK banners & streamers
- - & windmills & flags & pennants & feathers
- - Decorating your bicycles in PINK
- - Flying PINK kites
- - Making PINK cakes
- - Taming PINK pigeons
- - Thinking PINK PINK PINK

The Route through Faringdon: Park Rd, Gravel Walk, Gloucester St, Cornmarket, Market Place, Church St, Radcot Rd....

TELL US how you're going to PINK up the town: email cycle@farcycles.org.uk - or phone 07810-253111 see <https://farcycles.weebly.com/womens-tour-coming-through-faringdon.html>

Music Marathon- A Weekend of Music, Art and Dance Sat 11th, Sun 12th May - 10/4/19

Corn Exchange Faringdon

Showcasing Local Talent

Proceeds towards [Faringdon Childrens' Cycle Training park](#)

See timetable for the weekend

https://farcycles.weebly.com/uploads/1/1/9/4/119493117/poster_timetable_final.pdf

What you need to know about Defibrillators and CPR- 9/5/19

Faringdon Library

Friday 10th May 5.30-7.00

As many folk are aware we now have several defibrillators in Faringdon, we thought it might be a good idea for us to have some basic training. Malcolm Gee, a Community First Responder will be offering his expertise for this session.

For Sale House clearance- many items for sale- furniture, ornaments, white goods -

8/5/19

[See pictures and the price list](#)

Contact 07714 397806.

Collect from Faringdon

Shine media online on Radioline app.- 6/5/19

Hello I would like to introduce Shine media. Online and on Radioline app.

Serving Faringdon, Lechlade, Highworth, Fairford and villages in between. Playing the music of your life. What's on's Community engagement.

Go to our website www.shineradio.org for diary of events in your area.

News. our on air schedule. Building a community radio station not served by other broadcast company's.

Ian Rowe, Dan Woodward. Shine

Faringdon History app - 6/5/19

Leading up to the election Angela Finn and I mentioned that we wanted to get the QR Project off the ground. This will be using QR codes around the town to show off our history as a tourist attraction to get more people into Faringdon.

We know several other groups around Faringdon have had similar ideas to do with their projects, for example, the archaeologists. Please contact us if you would like to get together to discuss this further. We would like to start the process for this project as soon as possible. We think it might take a few years, as we will need to get funding in place. However, we need a starting point, and we would like to do this with the other groups on Faringdon. We don't want to miss anything that could be of interest

Also, any techie people out there that would like to get involved. We are certainly going to need a website and techie stuff.

Julie Farmer

julie@mypavirtualservices.com

Sunday 5th May- Folly Tower Open Day- 4/5/19

Looks as if it will be a fine day tomorrow- Sunday 5th May

11am-5pm

Under 11s free, 11-16 £1, adults £3

Climb the 100 ft Tower for beautiful views, read about the interesting history of the Tower and Folly Hill, enjoy the woodland, seek out the sculptures(see the list of sculptures)

www.faringdonfolly.org.uk

<https://www.facebook.com/FaringdonFolly>

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SUNDAY WHIMCYCLES - STARTING AGAIN THIS SUNDAY MAY 5TH- 3/5/19

This is the gentler and even more sociable side of Farcycles!

If you think it would be really FUN to go out together on bicycles, then how about calling them FUNcycles? Or - If you just FANCY a leisurely cycle ride - then we could call them FANCYcles.

Yes - it's wonderfully sociable (SOCIACLES) and healthy (LIFECYCLES) .

You know what? You can call these friendly Sunday Social Sycles anything you want.

Even WHIMCYCLES.

There is always a Farcycles HOST on hand to give your bike a quick safety check, and to be your guide for the morning. (expect to be back in Faringdon by one) . Typically we will cycle 10-15 miles at a relaxycle pace so that the group all stay together. Some of the route may be on tracks, but this also depends on the bikes that appear. Often there will be a stop at a cafe or a pub, so do bring a little money with you.

ACCOMPANIED CHILDREN AND FAMILIES ESPECIALLY WELCOME

Meet at 11am under the Old Town Hall in the Market Place, Faringdon - every Sunday from May to October.

So - get that CLASCYCLE out of the garage - and come on out for a DELIGHTCYCLE time!

<https://farcycles.weebly.com/sunday-whimcycles.html>

Waste recycling temporary closures - 3/5/19

During May, your Household Waste Recycling Centre will be closing for two days to carry out a deep clean and essential maintenance.

Closing dates:

Alkerton (Banbury)	Weds 8 & Thurs 9 May
Ardley (Bicester)	Tues 14 & Weds 15 May
Drayton (Abingdon)	Thurs 16 & Fri 17 May
Stanford (Faringdon)	Tues 21 & Weds 22 May
Oakley Wood (Wallingford)	Thurs 23 & Fri 24 May
Redbridge (Oxford)	Weds 29 & Thurs 30 May

Full details can be found at www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/waste including details of your nearest site during closures. Thank you in advance for your patience.

For those residents with van or trailer permits, please note these can be used at any of our centres.

Team: 01865 815281

Team email: Waste.Management@oxfordshire.gov.uk

Ferndale Choir (start of new term) May 1st - 30/4/19

Catholic Church Hall, Marlborough St, SN77JE . 7.10 for 7.15 start (til 8.45)

Free Parking in Southampton St car park, less than 5 minutes walk away.

1st session free for new comers.

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

No auditions, no need to read music, no experience needed- everyone welcome

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

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All welcome

Meet the Candidates - 30/4/19

I would like to thank all those who managed to make the meeting at the Farigndon Business Centre last night - meet the Candidates. If you still have a question for some of the candidates, please post here and we will try and answer them.

Julie Farmer

Ed: Last night's meeting was very well attended- my guess is 40/50 residents, plus all the candidates except the 2 Conservative candidates for the District Council. It will be a hard choice. There are some good people.

Town Council - 28/4/19

Just to let you know that not all the independent candidates on the existing Town Council are featured in the leaflet you mention.

Myself, (Kiera Bentley) and Beverley Capewell also stand as independent and very active members of the current committee, albeit relative newcomers with less than 4 years

experience between us but having relevant up to date training we think we are in a great place to effect some real change on supporting our Community and bringing accountability and more engagement to public local governance.

Kiera Bentley

Name of Plant - 28/4/19

The plant Elaine Rowe is referring to in the Tesco car park is a white broom -

<https://www.rhs.org.uk/Plants/53733/Cytisus-x-praecox-Albus/Details>

Liz Cunningham

Name of plant? - 25/4/19

Can anyone tell me what the white sweet smelling shrub is that borders the metro tesco car park please?

Elaine Rowe

Sad Event - 24/4/19

I was saddened yesterday to hear of the passing of one of my former classmates ----- Brian Hudson ----- . One of the Old Faringdonians.

The person who told me said "I never heard anyone say a bad word about him". Surely a fitting epitaph for a good friend, a nice man and a modest gentleman.

R. I. P. Brian.

Another Old Faringdonian

Faringdon shoppers bag £4,000 for The Poppy Factory to support more injured and sick veterans into work- 24/4/19

An award-winning charity has been given £4,000 to help more veterans with health conditions back into work thanks to support from shoppers in Faringdon.

Customers gave their backing to The Poppy Factory by voting for the charity in the Bags of Help scheme at the Tesco Metro in Park Road, using blue tokens given at the checkouts throughout January and February.

Tesco teamed up with Groundwork to launch the community funding project, with grants raised from carrier bag sales. The funding will enable The Poppy Factory, which received the Healthcare and Rehabilitation Award at the Soldiering On Awards on April 5th, to reach more veterans in Oxfordshire.

Each year the charity supports around 300 ex-Forces men and women with physical or mental health conditions back into meaningful and sustained employment.

Deirdre Mills, Chief Executive of The Poppy Factory, said:

“We are so grateful to everyone in and around Faringdon who showed their support for our wounded, injured and sick veterans by using their tokens to vote for The Poppy Factory in the Bags of Help scheme.

“This important funding will go directly to our employability programme, helping us support many more ex-Forces men and women who want to flourish in new jobs and careers, no matter what health conditions and other barriers they may face.”

Tesco’s Bags of Help project has already delivered over £63 million to more than 20,000 projects across Britain. Tesco customers get the chance to vote for three different groups every time they shop. Every other month, when votes are collected, three groups in each of Tesco’s regions are awarded funding.

Funding is available to community groups and charities looking to fund local projects that bring benefits to communities. Anyone can nominate a project and organisations can apply online.

To find out more visit www.tesco.com/bagsofhelp.

Faringdon Elections - 22/4/19

Just received through the door a GREAT leaflet on behalf of the Independents
Receiving this leaflet shows the independents want to do a good job representing our town
Dee England

Ed All these are currently Town Councillors. Has anyone seen any information about the new prospective candidates?

Old Town Hall to be refurbished - 19/4/19

Outside and in

<http://www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/java/support/Main.jsp?MODULE=ApplicationDetails&REF=P19/V0918/DIS#exactline>

OVO Energy Women's Tour professional cycling race Wed 12th June - 17/4/19

Henley-on-Thames will be the start location for stage three of the OVO Energy Women's Tour professional cycling race. Full details of the Oxfordshire route were revealed at a ceremony at the town's Leander Club – home to rowing greats like Sir Steve Redgrave CBE and Rebecca Romero – on Monday 15 April.

The famous South Oxfordshire town will host a Big Bike Breakfast on the morning of the race, Wednesday 12 June. Crowds will line the streets, cheering off participants on the 145 kilometre-leg that will finish outside Blenheim Palace in West Oxfordshire.

Elite cyclist Sophie Wright announced that Oxfordshire's race section will start from Market Place in the centre of Henley.

Oxfordshire's county, city and district councils announced last month that a stage of the OVO Energy Women's Tour, the UK's most prestigious women's cycle race, had been agreed to race through the county for the next three years, in partnership with event organisers SweetSpot Group.

From Henley, stage three will traverse the Chilterns via Pishill to Watlington, before returning via the climb of Britwell Hill to Sonning Common and Goring.

Crossing the River Thames at Wallingford, the route will pass through Didcot, Harwell and Wantage, crossing the Vale of White Horse to **Faringdon**, before looping through the West Oxfordshire towns of Burford, Charlbury and finally Woodstock in the closing kilometres.

[More details and map](#)

Meet the candidates. Monday 29th April - 17/4/19

Faringdon Business Centre, Volunteer Way, 7pm

Your chance to hear, meet and speak with some of the candidates taking part in the Faringdon Town Council elections in May.

If you are a candidate and would like the opportunity to showcase yourself, please get in touch so we can add you to the list of those already agreeing to take part.

More details to follow...

Thanks to Faringdon Business Park for the use of their facilities.

Bowling Club- new season - 10/4/19

Another bowling season for the club and, as ever, we are on the lookout for new members. We are opening the green on Sunday 14th but the Open Friday Nights will not start until 26th, April as it's Good Friday on 19th.

[See poster](#)

Trevor Durrant

Local elections - 10/4/19

Please put the 2nd of May in your diary. We have Town Council elections. It would be fantastic to have everyone turn up and vote. I look forward to seeing you all there. Here is a list of all the candidates.

Kiera Alexandra BENTLEY
Jane BOULTON
David Jeffrey BROWN
Rosalind Ann BURNS
Beverley Jean CAPEWELL
Peter Stewart CASTLE
Jared Henley CRANE
James Olusanya FAMAKIN
Julie Caroline FARMER
Angela Margaret FINN
Mark Tobias GREENWOOD
Steve LENIEC
Andrew John Townend MARSDEN
Lucy Elizabeth MARTIN
Kim MORGAN
Stephen SMITH
Liz SWALLOW
Bethia Jane THOMAS
Mike WISE
Julie Farmer

Activities in VWHDC area (including Faringdon) - 8/4/129

Walking football, swimming, walking netball(Shrivenham) Pickle Ball(Stanford)
<https://www.getoxfordshireactive.org/vale-of-white-horse>

Spring Newsletter from White Horse Practice Patient group - 4/4/19

See <http://www.whitehorsepracticeppg.org.uk/>

KBS Prescriptions
National GP survey Prescription charges
Online health access
Same day appointments
Health research
Docs' timetable
Are you a carer?
Physio and podiatry clinics
MIND & CAB advice
Earwax
Witney hospital
Stroke alerts
Gynaecology

Over 55s activities at the Leisure Centre- 4/4/19

Swimming 5 sessions for £5, for registered diabetes sufferers [see poster](#)
Walking Football from June 5th [see poster](#)

Airport Tales A comedy by Carol Libman- 3/4/19

Friday 17 May 2019 - Saturday 18 May 2019

Buscot Park Theatre, Lechlade Road, Buscot SN7 8BU

Directed by Darka Makarec for GLT

Produced by Gary Field for FDS

Performance starts 7:30 pm. Doors open 30 minutes earlier.

Tickets: £10 - includes a drink

[Online Box Office](#) (OPEN - Please note that tickets may not be available here on the day of the performance.)

Online booking only. Buscot Park will be open to theatre-goers from 6:30pm. Picnics welcome.

Seating is limited to 50 per night so please book your seats early; consequently on Wednesday 15th May there will also be a special performance for FDS members and their families only.

Performed in collaboration with the [Garrison Little Theatre](#) from Fort Erie, Ontario, Canada.

GLT will have already completed five performances of this play in Fort Erie during April, before coming to us.

'**Airport Tales**' is a light-hearted, entertaining, funny and above all human onstage "Road Movie" ... at 30,000 feet. The indomitable Evalina, journeying back to the old homestead to celebrate her 90th birthday, battles and conquers all the security checks, seat-mate problems, lost luggage and a somewhat fraught family reunion.

GLT first came to Faringdon in September 2007 to perform 'Lend Me a Tenor'. Then again in October 2011 to perform a joint production of 'London Suite', followed by 'Office Hours' in May 2015. We are looking forward to meeting them again this year for a fourth time.

<http://www.faringdondramatic.org.uk/>

CALLING ALL GARDENERS - 2/4/19

Please can you help us stock our stall on Saturday 4th May?

All kinds of plants gratefully received.

Please bring plants ready labelled to the Market Place at 9 am on 4th May

or contact one of us about alternative arrangements:

Pam de Wit 243331 Julia Burn 240670/email: julia@theburns.name

and buy plants **from Do Something Green – Grow your Own**

Visit our PLANT STALL in Faringdon Market Place, Saturday 4th May 10 a.m. – 12.30

All plant stall proceeds will be given to the Folly Tower & Woodland Trust

Organised by Churches Together in Faringdon EARTH & FAITH

[See poster](#)