

Rebecca petitions for a splash park in Faringdon - 29/7/22

Vale of White Horse District Council has welcomed a petition presented by a 10-year-old and is encouraging other young people to get involved in local democracy. Lizzie Pugh from Faringdon gave a presentation arguing the need for a new splash park at her hometown to the council's Cabinet meeting on Friday 22 July. In her presentation, Miss Pugh highlighted how other towns have splash parks but Faringdon doesn't.

Read more

[Council welcomes 10-year-old's petition - Vale of White Horse District Council \(whitehorsedc.gov.uk\)](#)

Faringdon Benches Trail Artist brief - 27/7/22

We are keen to hear from artists who could work with us to enhance creative wayfinding in Faringdon. We are looking for artists and crafts people to explore ideas, propose designs and create artistic benches (and potentially other artistic features such as totems, bollards and paving features) to assist with wayfinding leading from 4 residential areas into the market square.

[See full brief](#). Deadline 1/8/22- extgended to 15/8/22

Roads in Market Sq Closed in August - 24/7/22

Date of Order: 1 August 2022

Coming into force: 8 August 2022

This Order is being introduced because of footway reconstruction around all sides of the Market square which is anticipated to be completed 26 August 2022. Works will operate between 07:00 and 19:00hrs weekdays.

The effect of the Order is to temporarily prohibit any vehicle proceeding or waiting in all sides of Market Place and in Church Street to the junction with Swan Lane.

[See Road closure: Faringdon, Market Place - Faringdon Town Council for more details](#)

See [Poster Board](#) for changes to Faringdon Community Bus route

Community Bus- service changes - 17/7/22

FCB will be running the normal timetable tomorrow and Tuesday up to 11:00 at which time the service will cease. This is because of the extreme heat forecast, we don't want to run the risk of the bus breaking down.

Normal full timetable will be resumed on Wednesday.

Barn Festival Great Coxwell - 15/7/22

September 17th and 18th

Faringdon Community Choir - 13/7/22

This Saturday in the Market Place it's the Faringdon Community Choir singing at 11am. This is the choir's first ever public performance.

Please do come down and support their performance.

Faringdon Street Angels have been at work again - 8/7/22

- this time the lower end of London St outside the shops. Hope you noticed the difference when you're in town

If you'd like to help out next time, email faringdonstreetangels@yahoo.com

Petition for a splashpool in Faringdon - 5/7/22

A resident and child of the town of Faringdon

I (Lizzie Pugh age 10) think it's time that we had our very own Splash Park just like Wantage, Witney and Abingdon do!

Please help me to show support for this idea so that I can take the evidence of support to our local councils and get myself and the other children of the town splashing!

[Sign the petition](#)

Faringdon Fire Station Have a go Day - 3/7/22

Some of you will remember our Cabinet Member Judith Heathcoat who always supported our fundraising events. Whilst Judith is no longer our Cabinet Member or, indeed a County Councillor, she remains a huge supporter and friend of the Fire family and, having followed the success of our fundraising for the Firefighters Charity and Ukraine, she has decided to get involved.

On Saturday 16th July as part of the Faringdon Fire Station Have A Go Day, **Judith will be having her head shaved** - yes you have really read this right! I am sure you will agree this is a massive gesture!

This will be happening at 11am. Obviously the aim is to raise as much money as possible to be shared between the two charities. If you are able to donate via the link below, I know that Judith will be incredibly grateful

<https://www.collectionpot.com/pot/3004292/>

FollyFest Community Project - 1/7/22

As most of you know, I am organising The Pump House Project community project for Faringdon's very own FollyFest this year.

The plan is to decorate 10cm x 10cm foam tiles with something that symbolises community to you or something you like about Faringdon, this could be buildings, clubs, pigeons!

You can pick up tiles from:

- Faringdon Costa
- Tourist Information
- The Pump House Project

Once your tile/s is complete Please return them to the above places or to The Pump House Project directly by Monday 4th July.

The tiles are going to be made into a display housed at TPHP for the community to see at FollyFest Weekend and as a permanent feature there after.

Do you have any free time and would like to get involved with a great cause?

We are still looking for volunteers to help out for any amount of time you can spare over the FollyFest weekend Fri 8th, Sat 9th, and Sun 10th July.

It is going to be fun and great for the community!

Email katie.pitts@thepumphouseproject.org.uk to enquire.

Faringdon Folly - 1/7/22

Super article and pictures about the Folly

[Faringdon Tower, Faringdon, Oxfordshire \(and a novel idea\) – The Folly Flaneuse](#)

August 2022

Church Bells for a wedding - 31/8/22

Friday 9th September:

A quarter peal will be rung on All Saints bells in the evening to celebrate the wedding of Andrew Slater (one of the ringers) and Susanna Leslie the next day.

Jon Chamberlain

Shout out from Faringdon Folly - 31/8/22

We'd love to hear from you - what you love about the Folly, the things you do there, how often you've visited the Tower, how often you (and your dog?) walk to the woodland.

Also what makes the Folly and woodland so special for you. What makes it important for Faringdon?

Do please email enquiries@faringdonfolly.org.uk

This will help us so much when we apply for funding for the very extensive Tower renovations that are needed.

THANKYOU

Friends of the Folly

Eddie Williams (chair)

www.faringdonfolly.org.uk

Resuscitation Toolkit- 19/8/22

Good afternoon All

I am sending on to you the information below, and with reference to [the attached content](#), concerning the message and learning that may help to save many lives from the impact of sudden cardiac arrest across our community.

You may choose how you wish to present the information through whatever digital channels might be available to the broadest possible audience, in order to get this message across, and indeed I have sent this information received by me today from SCAS, to those of you, who may be in the best position from within our own local community, to be able to spread the word and potentially giving us all an opportunity to be a 'life-saver'!

Please feel free to adapt text that will be appropriate to spread this message (with of course appropriate factual accuracy), and feel free to use my name as a local reference and as a CFR (Community First Responder) in our local community, to be

able to make that connection to those who may wish to learn more, or who may have some questions around the process and practicalities of Basic Life Support and the impact of SCA.

Thank you for your consideration and attention to this and please get back to me if you need more information or have any questions on the campaign content.

Kind regards

Malcolm malcolm.gee@sca-charity.org.uk

CFR – SCAS – Faringdon and District Team –
Chair – Faringdon PAD Committee –

Information about [defibrillators in Faringdon can be found here](#)

Financial support for pensioners - 16/8/22

Vale Council has a voucher scheme to help pay for essentials.

See www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/vale-of-white-horse-district-council/cost-of-living-crisis-advice-and-support/household-support-fund/

There is a form to complete online. or contact:

- Citizens Advice: Email: hsf.vale@osavcab.org.uk Telephone: 01235 750752
- Vale Community Impact: Email: hsf@vci.org.uk Telephone: 01235 355359

Closing date 30/9/2022, or before if all the money has been used.

Faringdon Community Choir - new term starts 7th September- 16/8/22

Everyone welcome- no experience needed.

We sing folk, musicals, old pop eg Mamma Mia, California Dreaming, Pleasant & Delightful, Bohemian Rhapsody, Love is all around, Close to you plus quick and easy songs/chants that become rounds.

Rachel is great - a very experienced teacher and musician - school, choirs, orchestra. She creates the arrangement and provides sheets for each part- usually 3.

She teaches 'by rote' ie no need to read the dots- but it can still be helpful. When you join you would have access to the member area on the website where there are audio tracks/her singing for each part - helps a great deal.

Practical stuff from Rachel

- Please do sign up for next term. It really helps me as it produces a spreadsheet for me with all the info of everyone - both current and new! here's the link <https://forms.gle/a8cTcdVLAaTwEUZb7>
- Do share it with any people you know who you think you might like to join next term.
- Do tell them that if they sign up they can just come for a single £4 session as a trial and then pay the rest if they fancy sticking with it! All the info on the term dates and how much to pay is on there.

Rehearsals are on **Wednesdays** during term time in Faringdon United Church, SN7 7HA. We can use the car park behind the church.

There are 2 sessions to help you fit the rehearsal into your schedule. We cover the same material in each session so if you can't make your normal session you can always come to the other!

Afternoon session 2-3.30pm

Evening session 6-7.30pm

Starts 7th September

If you have questions for Rachel there is a contact form on the website.

See [Home - Faringdon Community Choir](#)

Skateboard event in Faringd on 17th August- 15/8/22

[Active Communities - Vale of White Horse District Council \(whitehorsedc.gov.uk\)](#)

This summer, the Community Safety and Active Communities teams are working with partner organisations to deliver a series of free skate park sessions for young people.

The events, run by [ATB skate shop](#), will include competitions, food and music, as well as other interactive activities and stalls featuring the local neighbourhood police, local registered social landlords and youth service providers. Anyone wanting to take part can just turn up on the day.

- Wednesday 17 August – Faringdon – 1-4pm (SN7 8BF)

Peugeot site under offer - 8/8/22

See <https://www.realla.ca/details/25947049>

Play Day on 5th August report - 8/8/22

[See document](#)

Faringdon Library Temporary Closure - 6/8/22

The library will be closed from 5th September to November 2022 for refurbishment. All existing loans will be extended. No fines will be incurred during the closure.

Cost of Living Grants Consultation - 6/8/22

<https://oxfordshire.org/take-part-in-our-cost-of-living-grants-consultation/>

To help answer these questions, we will run an online workshop on Wednesday 7th September at 1pm to consult with the local delivery organisations working directly in our communities. You can sign up to take part [here](#). In addition, we invite local charitable organisations to complete our short survey, which we will keep open for as long as we can to accommodate the summer holidays. You can complete the survey [here](#). We would value your feedback via one or both of these methods – whatever suits you.

We will use the feedback from the workshop and survey to finalise the terms of reference for **the cost of living grants round**, which open in the autumn or winter (dates TBC).

Works to Rail Bridge Botley road - 6/8/22

The rail bridge in Botley Road will need to be replaced as part of Network Rail's plans to increase capacity at Oxford Train Station, with this leading to the complete closure of Botley Road.

The station is being expanded as it is 'close to full capacity', with services being increased from 2024.

A spokesperson for Network Rail told the Oxford Mail that both Botley Road and the station will be closed next summer.

While timings on how long the closure will last are unconfirmed, it is believed that it could be approximately three months.

The Network Rail spokesperson said: *"We are currently in discussions with Oxfordshire County Council about our programme of work for the station, which is in the process of being finalised by our contractor, Kier.*

"The key period for us on Botley Road will be next summer when we need to replace the bridge.

"This will mean the road and station will need to be completely closed. This is due to take place at the end of July or start of August.

"Ahead of that we will need to do preparation work, including the diversion of utility services. We are currently discussing all this with Oxfordshire County Council to establish best way of doing this."

Lines in and out of Oxford Station are already set to be closed over four weekends in September and October, to facilitate the second phase of works to increase capacity.

This is currently set for the weekends of September 10-11, 17-18, and 24-25, plus October 1-2.

Buses will replace regular train services.

<https://www.oxfordmail.co.uk/news/20589628.everything-know-far-botley-road-oxford-station-three-month-closure/>

September 2022

Acrid smell - Proctor Way - 24/9/22

'Nightly' acrid smell of burning plastic around Proctor Way, Park Road area. Very toxic, illegal, and antisocial - any ideas anyone on how to stop this for the sake of everyone's health?

Name Supplied

Vote for the Old Town Hall - 23/9/22

Best loved building competition

[Vote for your Best Loved building | spab.org.uk](https://spab.org.uk)

The Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings (SPAB)

Faringdon Town Magazine - 22/9/22

Autumn edition

Featuring musical happenings across the town for you to keep your eye out for this Autumn, provided by our wonderful music contributor Al Cane, updates from [The Old Crown Coaching Inn](#) and a calendar section where you will find a plethora of dates to add to your diary, from eats to exhibitions.

Also featuring [Tribe zero-waste](#), [The Swan & The Faringdon Brewery](#), [Faringdon](#), [Al Cane Photography](#), [Cogges](#), [Julie Ann Godson](#), [Folly & Wild](#) and so much more.

CLICK TO READ: <https://library.myebook.com/.../faringdon-town.../4382/>

The Market cafe - 21/9/22

Now open - coffee, cake, craft materials, other goodies.

Open Mon to Sat. 9am - 5pm (4pm on Sat)

Run by volunteers

Good Luck

Autumn Course in Cycling Safely - 21/09/22

Booking is now open for the next Farcycles course, which is equivalent to Cycle Proficiency / Bikeability.

The course will be 10.30-12 noon Mon 24th - Fri 28th October based at the Faringdon Cycle Park.

Suitable for children aged 8-13.

For more details and booking:

<https://farcycl.es/RideSafely>

Any queries contact cycle@farcycles.org.uk

White Horse Medical Practice Patient Group. - 8/9/22

[Minutes of meetings](#) are on the practice website

Street Angels - 6/9/22

Street Angels - cleaned and swept the lower part of London St yesterday

Still lots of places to sort out.

faringdonstreetangels@yahoo.com

[Pic 1.jpg](#)

[Pic 2.jpg](#)

[Pic 3.jpg](#)

Please help out by reporting places that need attention to:

- *The Vale/Biffa* via [fixmystreet.com](#) app or website
- *Biffa* 03000 610610
- *Biffa* admin.vale@biffa.co.uk

The Volunteer - 6/9/22

Back on the market

https://www.rightmove.co.uk/property-for-sale/find.html?searchType=SALE&locationIdentifier=BRANCH%5e18381&minPrice=450000&maxPrice=450000&includeSSTC=true&_includeSSTC=on

64 Extra Care units . South of Park Road - 4/9/22

See [Design and Access statement](#)

Planning Application P22/V2053/RM (whitehorsedc.gov.uk)

Oxford Science Festival - 4/9/22

IF Oxford, the city's science and ideas Festival returns in October with a mix of 100 events for all ages across 25 venues, plus online.

Bookings are open now at www.if-oxford.com

With events across all scientific topics in a wide range of formats. There will be something to interest everyone

You can download a PDF flyer here <https://if-oxford.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/IF-2022-Flyer-A5.pdf>

Oxfordshire Conversations - OCC - 3/9/22

Oxfordshire Conversations are public events that are bringing together residents and the councillors who lead the county council to talk about the big issues that matter to you and your communities. There are seven events taking place – two online and five in locations across Oxfordshire.

This is your chance to ask our decision makers your burning questions and share your priorities to help us shape our budget during these tough times.

Find your local event and book your place:

The events are open to all, but you need to [register](#).

- **Monday 12 September, 11am - 12.30pm, online (Microsoft Teams)**
- Monday 12 September, 7pm - 8.30pm, Abingdon, Guildhall
- Monday 19 September, 7pm - 8.30pm, Banbury, The Mill Arts Centre
- **Wednesday 21 September, 7pm - 8.30pm, online (Microsoft Teams)**
- Thursday 22 September, 7pm - 8.30pm, Didcot, Cornerstone Arts Centre

Your questions to county council decision makers

If you have a question you would like to ask, let us know in advance by filling in the box on our [booking form](#). If you aren't ready with your question at the time of booking, you can:

- email it to consultations@oxfordshire.gov.uk([External link](#))
- hand it to a member of the council's support team when you arrive at the event
- type it in the chat box, if you are attending online
- when invited, ask a question during the event itself.

Don't want to ask a question but are keen to listen? Come along. Everyone is welcome but please make sure you [book](#) your place.

[Booking form](#)Our Oxfordshire Conversation events are open to all, but booking is essential. If you plan on attending one of these events, please [complete this booking form](#).

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