

**Faringdon Dramatic Society - 31/10/22**

Faringdon Dramatic Society are not putting on a production this autumn. Instead, we are already hard at work rehearsing for our Pantomime '**Sleeping Beauty**' which will be performed on **27th to 29th January 23 and 3rd – 4th February 23**. Use the link for more details.

However, you might like to know our friends and fellow venue users Stagecoach are putting on two special performances of **Blood Brothers** on **Saturday 19th November 2022** (1:00 pm and 4:30pm) at Elms Primary School (*The artist formally known at FJS*). The Blood Brothers production is a NON-profit event, raising funds to support taking talented young performers to the West End, to perform at the Shaftsbury Theatre in May 2023, as well as other performance/learning opportunities.

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

**Thankyou - 31/10/22**

A big thank you to the inhabitants of Haynes Close for the fine display of red cyclamen placed round the memorial stone at the entrance to the Close. A nice gesture ladies and gentlemen; much appreciated by the family. Thank you.  
Dennis Haynes.

**Street Angels have been at work again - 31/10/22**

This time sweeping and weeding around the Corn Exchange, and in front of the Charity shop, Marlborough St and Cornmarket.

All looking so much better. Thanks to everyone who helped.

You too can help by reporting street cleaning issues to:

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

**Gin to my Tonic - new premises - 27/10/22**

[Planning Application P22/V2506/FUL \(whitehorsedc.gov.uk\)](http://whitehorsedc.gov.uk)

**Oxford Station & Botley Road closure - 27/10/22**

See [Green light for Oxford station and railway transformation following £78.6m funding confirmation \(networkrailmediacentre.co.uk\)](http://networkrailmediacentre.co.uk)

**A short act of remembrance Friday 11th November- 26/10/22**

A short act of remembrance and two minute Silence will take place at eleven o'clock Friday 11th November at the War Memorial.

( Armistice Day, Eleventh hour, Eleventh Day, Eleventh month.)

**A celebration of popular music- 23/10/22**

Tickets are available for a wonderful evening of songs at a concert to raise funds for the Faringdon primary schools.

The Cotswold Voices will be joined by The Elms Primary School Choir to sing a

variety of popular songs from Elvis to Harry Styles.

Saturday 12th November at 6.30pm in The Corn Exchange.

Tickets are just £5 each and can be bought (cash only please) from the Faringdon Information Centre. Tickets are limited, so get yours today!

There will be a cash bar on the evening, along with a raffle of wonderful prizes generously donated by local businesses

See poster on [New poster board](#)

### **Faringdon Artistic skating club. Disco** - 22/10/22

29th. Disco 12.30 to 2.30 All welcome bring your own skates £2

Sunday 18th December. Gala show 1pm All welcome.

07872 955355 for tickets and information

### **Faringdon & District Royal British Legion present their 10th ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF REMEMBRANCE** - 21/10/22

in the Corn Exchange, Faringdon, on FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11th 2022 @ 7.30pm.

Music by the Shrivenham Military Wives Choir, together with readings for Remembrance.

Tickets £10. each are available through the Faringdon T.I.C. office (or Joy Blake Faringdon 242277).

### **Saving the Mechanics Institute in Swindon** - 21/10/22

The Mechanics Institution Trust is working extremely hard to organise events and to keep alive the history of Swindon's Historic Railway Village.

You will probably know by now, that Swindon Branch, Wiltshire Family History Society are also trying to help by gathering together stories and memories of the historic cottages.

So please support us by spreading the word that we want to hear from anyone who can help, and that we are trying to keep the local history alive, both with forthcoming events and by discovering more about the families that have lived in the area since GWR came to Swindon in the 1840s.

[Mechanics' Matters - October 2022 \(campaign-archive.com\)](#)

### **Active Communities** - 21/10/22

Walking, event Info on [Active Communities - Vale of White Horse District Council \(whitehorsedc.gov.uk\)](#)

### **24 Hour Road Closure** - 18/10/22

Gravel Walk 28th October 24 hours from 07.30

Carriageway repair

### **Found.**- 16/10/22

A few weeks ago a nearly new, child's purple coloured bike was found in the Orchard Hill/Elm Road area.

Despite a found notice being placed on the Faringdon Facebook page, there has been no reported loss.

If you have lost said bike then please contact me with the make and description of

the bike to confirm ownership and we will reunite you with it.

Regards Mark

email. [mark.lunnon@diamond.ac.uk](mailto:mark.lunnon@diamond.ac.uk)

### **Neighbourhood Policing. Have your say- 13/10/22**

"Have Your Say" meeting in Faringdon Market Place at 10 a.m. on Tuesday 25th October

### **Last Folly Open Day of 2022 - 13/10/22**

Folly Open Day Sunday 16th, 11am-5pm - the LAST of the season. I think the weather is going to be good - let's hope so.

Even though the public open days won't start again until next year, you can still make a private booking.

All the information is on <https://www.faringdonfolly.org.uk/bookings.html>

### **Street Angels have been at work again.- 12/10/22**

This time sweeping and weeding around our very beautiful Old Town Hall, around the seats, the Portwell Pump cobbles, the Market Square trees and some of the new pavements. Thanks to everyone who helped.

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### **Oxfordshire Conversations - 12/10/22**

Oxfordshire Conversations are public events that bring together residents and the councillors who lead the county council to talk about the big issues that matter to you and your communities. This is your chance to ask Councillor Liz Leffman, Leader of the Council and other members of the cabinet your burning questions and share your priorities to help us shape our budget during these tough times.

**Book your place:** The events are open to all, but you need to [book](#) so we can send you the joining instructions.

- Wednesday 19 October, 7pm - 8.30pm, online (Microsoft Teams)
- Thursday 20 October, 2.30pm - 4pm, online (Microsoft Teams)
- Friday 21 October, 2.30pm - 4pm, online (Microsoft Teams)

[Oxfordshire Conversations - October 2022 | Let's Talk Oxfordshire](#)

### **Community Grants available - 12/10/22**

[Grants - Oxfordshire Community Foundation](#)

### **Feeling intimidated - 12/10/22**

I may be in my 60's, but walking along the Hobble when the schoolkids have been turfed out or in the evening when they are milling around and up to no good; I feel intimidated and now I don't like using that route.

I don't feel safe.

Name Supplied

### **Faringdon Art Exhibition - 8/10/22**

Corn Exchange, Faringdon

Friday 28 October 10am to 6pm

Saturday 29 October 10am to 6pm

Sunday 30 October: 10am - 4pm

Free Entry

### **On the Farm. Exploring Faith in Nature - 8/10/22**

Our sessions on the farm are free and intergenerational. Please book so we can ensure everyone's needs are best met, give you directions, and most importantly so we know you are coming, (just let us know on the morning if you can't make it). As it is a working farm, we cannot have people just turn up wandering around for safety reasons. Therefore, booking is essential. We meet and greet in the yard and move to other parts of the farm depending on what we are doing. Booking also allows us to tell you what is happening, and if you need to bring anything. Contact

Tracey: [t.liddiard44@btinternet.com](mailto:t.liddiard44@btinternet.com)

This time we are looking at the parable of the fish caught in the net

Our dates for the rest of this year are Saturday 19th November, and 3rd December.

There will also be a Christingle service in Faringdon United Church car park on 24th Dec.

### **Vote for Faringdondon Old Town Hall- 6/10/22**

Shortlisted for the best loved Award category.

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

Vote by 31st October

### **Re: Traffic Warden - 5/10/22**

I was wondering the same thing the other day - all the wait, all the talk of taking back control... & nothing seems to have changed,

Name Supplied

### **Re: Traffic Wardens - 4/10/22**

Definitely about. I received a ticket last week.

Greenwich

### **Far Runners Raise Money for I.M.P.S - 1/10/22**

John Boothroyd, Paula Daly and Stuart Kennedy from local running group 'Far Runners', based in Faringdon, are taking on the challenge of running the London Marathon this weekend, on behalf of the Injury Minimization Programme for Schools (I.M.P.S.).

I.M.P.S. which is part of Oxford Hospitals Charity, relies on donations and fundraising to teach Oxfordshire primary school children first aid skills, and a better awareness of risk. [Read more](#)

### **Remembrance Exhibition- 1/10/22**

The War Memorial Trust and the Royal British Legion will be holding an exhibition of war time memorabilia in the Old Town Hall to reflect on the impact that wars have made on local families.

If you have any memorabilia, items, stories, photographs or any documents from World War I, World War II, or any other conflict that you would like to share, or if you would like to volunteer to man the exhibition, please

email [adele@faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:adele@faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk)

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 3:00pm on Friday 11th and Saturday 12th November, and after the Remembrance Day ceremony on Sunday 13th until 1:00 pm.

### **Traffic Warden? - 1/10/22**

Just wondering if anyone has seen the phantom traffic warden that Faringdon waited so long to have appointed. Personally not seen him about for a number of weeks. Maybe our councillors could make enquiries as to his whereabouts.

Name supplied.

## **November 2022**

### **RING FOR THE KING - 26/11/22**

Bellringers across the country are making plans to "Ring for the King" on the occasion of his coronation in May.

If you want a free, sociable, stress-busting hobby that provides physical and mental exercise, then please come along to All Saints' and meet us for an introduction during a Monday practice from 7.30 to 9pm (or during Sunday service ringing from 9.50 to 10.30am) - see poster on [the poster notice board](#) for location of doorbell. We welcome any age from 10 upwards - you don't have to be religious to be a bellringer.

Peter Hunt - Tower Captain, 07484 297721, email: [faringdonringers@gmail.com](mailto:faringdonringers@gmail.com)

### **Thomas the Tank Engine - 26/11/22**

Get ready and watch out for the Thomas and Santa signs popping up in your area. The Rotary team are working hard on the exact locations where Santa and Thomas will be this year and the full schedule will be published in a couple of weeks.

Your first chance to see us will be at Festive Faringdon on Saturday 3rd December from 14:30.

Rotary – doing good and having fun! You do not have to be a member of Rotary to help – we are looking for volunteers to accompany Santa and Thomas on their journeys around Faringdon and the villages. Please let us know if you have a few hours spare: [info@whrf.club](mailto:info@whrf.club)

### **Refurbished Library** - 23/11/22

The library now looks really upto date, bright and cheerful. It has moveable book cases so the space can be easily rearranged. There will be some audio/visual equipment next year.

The pictures on the [Photos webpage](#), don't do it justice. But you can get the idea  
Ed

### **60s 70s disco in aid of British Heart Foundation** - 21/11/22

Saturday 10th December 2022 British Heart Foundation Christmas Disco at the Pumphouse Faringdon 7:30pm til 11:00pm.

Music by Al 'Citizen' Cane.

Tickets £5 available from the Acacia Charity Shop by the Corn Exchange

### **Faringdon Street Angels** - 20/11/22

Street Angels have been out again today, this time working on The Bell cobbles. It looks better, but care is needed as removing weeds undermines the joins between cobbles. [See pic](#)

*Faringdon Street Angels - Volunteers helping to keep our streets smarter & cleaner*  
[faringdonstreetangels@yahoo.com](mailto:faringdonstreetangels@yahoo.com)

Thankyou to Sadlers for the yummy pastry & hot chocolate

### **Yoco** - 19/11/22

Youth Challenge Oxfordshire (YoCO) is a growing charity supporting young people aged 13-21. Our vision is to ensure every young person has the opportunity to develop personal confidence and resilience, choosing to live a rewarding life and contribute to society. YoCO offers young people an exciting and challenging 18 month programme which helps them to face up to and overcome common life issues, such as pressures of social media; bullying; mental health challenges; influence from peers to take unnecessary risks.

[Read More about activities](#) and [here](#) about Yoco

Sessions in Faringdon weekly during term time.

Faringdon Football Club, Tuckers Park

TUESDAYS @ 6pm

For more information : [info@yoco.online](mailto:info@yoco.online)

### **War Memorial Wreaths** - 19/11/22

[Many wreaths on the Old Town Hall Memorial](#)

Thanks to Bill from British Legion

### **Parking in Faringdon** - 17/11/22

There are ways to advertise and find a parking space in Faringdon

[See Your Parking Space](#) - Surprised to see that Tesco offer paid parking - £60 per month

See [www.yourparkingspace.co.uk/list-your-space](http://www.yourparkingspace.co.uk/list-your-space) It's free to list

There are other similar sites

- [Parking Spaces For Rent, Make Money From Your Drive and Spare Parking Spaces \(parkonmydrive.com\)](#) There's a fee for advertising your space
- [JustPark - The Parking App | Find parking in seconds](#)

There are probably more  
Name Supplied

### Town Budget Meeting - 16/11/22

Wednesday 16th November at 7pm in the Corn Exchange, Faringdon

The meeting will close at 9pm

Agenda and minutes can be found on [Meetings Archives - Faringdon Town Council](#)

There is an opportunity for local people to make suggestions for additional projects

### Police Survey - 16/11/22

This survey is an opportunity for Thames Valley residents to share their experiences and have a say in how policing services are shaped in the Thames Valley (Berkshire, Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire). The information you provide will help inform the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC) on any gaps or improvements that could be made in the future.

[Public consultation - Thames Valley PCC \(thamesvalley-pcc.gov.uk\)](#)

### The Library is open again - 15/11/22

We are looking forward to welcoming you back in Faringdon Library

Opening Hours:

Monday: 2 –5:30pm

Tuesday: 10am – 1pm & 2– 5:30pm

Wednesday: 2 –5:30pm

Thursday: Closed

Friday: 10am – 1pm, & 2–7pm

Saturday: 9:30am – 1pm

### Garden Tree Giveaway - 9/11/22

This Autumn, International Tree Foundation is supporting Oxfordshire Trees Collaborate in a Garden Tree Giveaway.

Oxfordshire Trees Collaborate is a partnership of community tree planting groups and supporting organisations working together to encourage appropriate tree planting in the county.

We have a variety of free saplings to give away for you to plant in your garden. In order to help you choose an appropriate tree, we have put together this simple garden tree guide. It offers practical considerations and planting guidelines as well as a seasonal photo guide to native species suitable for small, medium and large gardens (all of which are available through the giveaway but can also be purchased at low cost from local nurseries).

[Link to website](#)

### David Johnson MP newsletter - 8/11/22

[In this file](#)

### **Open Country - Tolkien Land** - 8/11/22

On BBC iplayer, featuring our very own Sjoerd Vogt

*Tolkien once remarked that reviewers, "seem to think that Middle-earth is another planet!" In fact the Shire, Isengard and the horses of Rohan are much closer to home than you think. Tolkien had a car in the 1930's and used to drive out of Oxford and visit sites that definitely filter into the books he wrote.*

*Now Miles Warde has been out with Tolkien expert John Garth to find traces of Tolkien Land at Faringdon Folly Tower and the Rollright Stones. There's also a brief appearance for Sarehole near Birmingham, where the young Tolkien grew up, plus archive of the great writer talking about where his books may have been based. John Garth is the author of The Worlds of JRR Tolkien - the places that inspired Middle-earth.*

[Listen on BBC iplayer](#)

### **New Youth Group launching 22nd November - YoCO Faringdon** - 6/11/22

Youth Challenge Oxfordshire is starting a new FARINGDON group for young people aged 13-21. It's a great way to meet new people, learn new skills and take part in an exciting, life-changing opportunity.

Join us on 22nd November @ 6pm

Faringdon Football Club, Tucker Park, Park Rd, Faringdon SN7 7BP

to find out about the YoCO programme

Refreshments will be provided

All Welcome

For more information contact [info@yoco.online](mailto:info@yoco.online) [www.yoco.online](http://www.yoco.online)

### **Community Building Energy Support Scheme** - 5/11/22

Together with Oxfordshire Community Foundation, we are now accepting applications from local voluntary and community groups for funding to help them with their energy bills so they can keep their buildings open this winter.

The new £100,000 energy fund is available for groups to apply for until 21 November.

[Community Building Energy Support Scheme - Oxfordshire Community Foundation](#)

### **News - Botley Road Closure for Network Rail work** - 3/11/22

[Current stage of planning - not finalised](#)

### **Places to go to keep warm** - 2/11/22

See [this poster](#) for details of places and times

Barber Rooms, Pump House, Catholic Church

Tues, Thurs and Fridays

### **Map of vehicle charging points** - 2/11/22

[Electric Car Charging Points Near Me | AutoTrader UK](#)

Not sure why the ones in Southampton St car park are not shown

### **£1k for the Folly from Tesco** - 2/11/22

Thankyou everyone who voted for the Folly with their Tesco blue tokens.  
Folly Team

## December 2022

### **New book about Faringdon's History - 19/12/22**

*From the Battle of Faringdon to Salvador Dali's Divers Helmet- A stroll through Faringdon's History*

Written and (beautifully) illustrated by Belinda Harrison on behalf of Faringdon Town Council.

Available now from the Tourist Information Office. £7.99

### **Burst pipe - 18/12/22**

Today Sunday 18/12 Burst water main in Highworth Road

Dennis Haynes

### **Wantage Mummers on Boxing Day - 14/12/22**

10:00 Faringdon Market Place

### **The Star - 8/12/22**

Hi - I have seen many people comment re the Star that is now not working on top of The Folly. Does anyone know if the Star is totally broken or is it a matter of funding? If it is the later who would be responsible for organising some fundraising? I would be very happy to get involved in some way just not sure where to start If its a non starter then fair enough but wanted to ask.

The multi-coloured lights are lovely but the Star really was special x

Alison Parker

### **A Huge Thankyou - 8/12/22**

A huge, heartfelt thank you to the staff at Great Western Hospital, Swindon

Without going into too many personal details, this year one of our family has received cancer treatment, two emergency admissions via ambulances (who came from Didcot) and 6 sessions of chemotherapy.

On every single occasion, our family member has been treated with care, compassion and exceptional professionalism at every single turn by doctors, nurses, paramedics, care assistants, porters and cleaners.

If you're going through treatment at the moment or are putting off seeking treatment because of what you've heard and read in the media, rest assured that the horror stories do not match what we've experienced as a family.

If you work at the GWH, in whatever capacity, we want to tell you from the bottom of our heart, that you are valued by us, supported by us and we hope you have a wonderful Christmas and New Year.

Mel Lane

## **The Cornmarket Clock - 6/12/22**

More information [about the clock](#) - right from the beginning.

Thankyou Sjoerd

## **Sleeping Beauty.A pantomime by Ben Crocker - 5/12/22**

Friday 27 January 2023 - Sunday 29 January 2023

Friday 3 February 2023 - Saturday 4 February 2023

The Elms Primary School (Faringdon Junior School),

The Elms, Gloucester Street, Faringdon SN7 7HZ

Directed by Helen Thrower

Produced by Debbie Lock

Performances start 2:30 pm and 7:30 pm. Doors open 30 minutes earlier. Each performance lasts approximately 2½ hours. Matinées on Saturdays and Sunday.

Tickets: Adult £12. Child (under 16) £6. No concessions. Each adult ticket includes a programme.

Tickets are available from our Online Box Office [Box Office - Faringdon Dramatic Society \(FDS\)](#)

## **Thomas the Tank Engine - 5/12/22**

Santa and Thomas are all set and ready to hopefully come and visit a road or location near you!!

Our visits this year will not involve physical door knocking, but please when you hear / see us do come and say hello. There will be some treats for the children and our great team of volunteers will also have some collection tins where we hope to raise as much money as possible for worthy local causes.

We will start each day at 17:30 on the road / area listed at the top of the list. We will then work our way through the areas. We will try and keep our social media up to date so you know roughly where we are.

Our schedule is as follows:

5th December: Shrivenham

- Stocks Island
- Lady Barrington Memorial Hall
- Corner of Stallpits Road and Sandhill
- Corner of Cowsleaze Close and Charlbury Road
- Ballingers - off Longcot Road

6th December: Watchfield

- College Farm Pub car park
- Watchfield Village Hall
- St Albans Church
- Corner of Barrington Avenue and Scholar Close

7th December: Clanfield

- Blake's Car Park

- Mill Lane and the green
- 8th December: Faringdon
- The Pines
- Orchard Hill / Beach close
- Westland Road

10th December: Faringdon

- Faringdon Fields starting on Amphill way Thomas will do a circular route round and then move onto the Fern Hill Estate
- Wearn Road
- Coleshill Drive and surrounding roads

12th of December

- Please note the time change here! Starting at 18:00 Southmoor Village Hall
- then onto Kingston Bagpuize covering:
- Petyoher Gardens / Poppy Close
- Collington Way lay-by

13th of December: Stanford in the Vale

- Exact locations to follow

14th December: Faringdon

- Tuckers Road
- Berners Way
- Harding Close
- Butts Road
- Marine Drive

15th December

- Uffington Village Hall
- Shellingford school (approx 18:15)

16th December: Faringdon

- Oriel Park estate
- Folly View estate

17th December: Faringdon

- Fernham Road
- Carters crescent
- Leamington Drive
- Folly View Road
- Marlborough Gardens