

News and Views January 2017

County and District Council Reorganisation - 31/1/17

February 7th. Faringdon Library 10-12.30.

Representatives from the council will be at the Library on Tuesday 7th February for anyone who wishes to have a chat.

Response forms(paper) are available at the library, or follow the link for draft proposals and have your say online.

<http://www.oneoxfordshire.org/get-involved>

Fined for not picking up after their dog- 31/1/17

Excellent news that someone has been fined for not picking up after their dog. Please share and keep reporting, if we work together we can stop this vile problem in our town!

A person has been issued a fixed penalty notice for not removing their dog mess from along London Street, Faringdon near the Market Place end of the town. The incident occurred in November 2016 and an investigation process took place to identify the dog walker at the time of the incident. The person has been identified and issued with a FPN for failing to remove their dog mess.

Unfortunately, I am unable to provide the identity of the dog walker as they are discharging their liability by paying the FPN. If they decide not to paid the FPN, then it will be taken to court where the person will then be identified after prosecution.

We can use this to remind dog walkers to pick up after their dog.

There is still a particularly repeat issue of dog fouling along Park Road, along the pavement area of the new Tesco's store. I have installed signs in the area, made Tesco's aware, approached dog walkers to ensure they are fulfilling their responsibilities of picking up after their dog, but still the issue persists.

I need people to be vigilant in this area and report in any information as to who may be causing the issue. Their details will be kept confidential.

Kind regards

Colin Marshall

Environment Warden

Email: colin.marshall@southandvale.gov.uk

Tel: 01235 422159 Admin: 01235 422403

Childcare - 30/1/17

I am qualified in childcare, hold first aid and food hygiene certificates. I am a non smoker, driver with my own car. I am looking for a part-time local position as a nanny/home help. I have experience in working with children of all ages and some special needs experience too. My ideal position will be for 5 half days or 3 full days each week. I am willing to do light housework and cooking if required.

I have a 6 year old son who I may need to drop off and collect from Faringdon infants school also. If you are interested please drop me an email lisajconstable@aol.com

Parking yet again. - 29/1/17

Just what do yellow lines mean? Who are pavements provided for? Why do people park opposite a car so the road is extremely narrow? To get up the Coxwell road I go up through the Gardens as its easier. London Street in the daytime is a chicane. How come the pavement outside the Kwiksave is now a car park? Goodlake Avenue is the best. Untaxed and uninsured cars park where they like and no one seems to care. When will someone please take responsibility?

Colin Eddy

Bloor Homes- 29/1/17

It is also interesting that in the original plans, the spinney, (small wood undergrowth with water) just up from the boundary fence was to be kept.

Now it is to be removed. Why?

Name supplied

Steve Knightley in Concert - 29/1/17

Steve Knightley is the songwriting force behind 'Show of Hands' (they played two sell out shows in Great Coxwell's 'Live At The Tithe'), and are widely acclaimed as the finest acoustic roots duo in England.

I'm delighted to say that Steve is coming to the Faringdon Corn Exchange on Friday May 19th as part of his 'Landlocked Tour'.

One of England's greatest singer songwriters"

Mike Harding, BBC Radio 2

Tickets £18.00 are already selling online from wegottickets but are also now available from the Information Centre, The Pump House, Market Place tel 01367 240281.

Faringdon Library Book Club- 27/1/17

Volunteer/Volunteers Needed

If you have a passion for reading and would like to run a monthly daytime session at the library please get in touch.

Books will be provided free through the Library Service

Refreshments available

Tel. 01367 240311 Sheena or Jacky

Email. farindon.library@oxfordshire.gov.uk

Home Library Service - 28/1/17

Love reading but find it difficult to get to the library?

Do you know someone who can't get to the library due to frailty, infirmity or a disability?

Did you know?

You can borrow books, audio books, music CDs and DVDs.

Your library books will be delivered and collected by a **Home Library Service Volunteer**. There is no charge for requests or late returns.

Contact Faringdon Library

Tel. 01367 240311

Email: farindon.library@oxfordshire.gov.uk

Blood Homes - another disaster waiting to happen. - 27/1/17

The recent design of the Folly Park is one of the worst I've seen, the planners ignored Police advice on configuration. Trees and planting has been removed unnecessary. The traffic will have an impact, who travels to work by Bicycle these days. The sheer size of the housing planned is going to be a third of Faringdon, Bloor nearly 400 homes, Taylor Wimpy 200 homes, more land for another 300-400 homes. And this has no impact interesting! Its also interesting to see how Bloor are applying for planning permission in stages.

Named Supplied

Bloor Homes- 27/1/17

Speaking to the people regarding the traffic, they do not think there will be a problem with the extra vehicle movement along Park Road. I left Mariens Drive 7.15 this morning, to go to Wantage.

There was a queue from the pedestrian crossing by 7 Second to None, someone let me out to join the queue which then took ten minutes to reach the roundabout. A420 was full of traffic coming

from Swindon, going to Oxford as far as you could see, also coming from Oxford. More houses are not going to make any difference? Where were the men doing the survey?

Monica Graham

Grants available - 27/1/17

The Step Change Fund focuses on capacity building and strengthening of Oxfordshire's charitable sector.

The Step Change Fund aims to help high-quality social organisations make a step change to their business model that will create a more solid platform from which they can deliver services. The fund holders are particularly interested in projects that enable a 'step change' in financial terms. This fund does not offer core funding simply for the continuance of existing services. Grants will be given for projects that can demonstrate realistic plans for increasing reach and impact and for building longer-term resilience for the future.

The fund has over £1 million to distribute over the next four years. Grants in the first instance will be between £10,000 and £50,000, with the possibility of further funding up to £25,000 for follow-on projects. Total grants will be capped at £75,000 and will not normally be greater than 30% of the applicant's annual income, should this be less.

Step Change has grown out of the Future-Building Fund, which launched as a pilot programme in May 2014 and was successfully completed in April 2016. The lessons learnt from the pilot have shaped Step Change's focus and methodology.

[Read this to see what projects were awarded grants](#)

http://oxfordshire.org/grants/step-change/?dm_i=1OSY,4QADH,OV53EN,HQ98P,1

Cleaner Faringdon - 26/1/17

Do you know of a public area in Faringdon that could do with a bit of a clean up? The District Council would like to know so they can help tidy and spruce it up. Somewhere with lots of litter perhaps or somewhere looking a bit tired.

Let us know and we'll pass the details on.

You can contact us 01367 240281 or email tic@faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk

Thank you.

One Oxfordshire (merge County Council and District Council responsibilities)- 25/1/17

Tuesday February 7th Faringdon Library 10-12.30. There will be someone there to help.

<http://www.oneoxfordshire.org/get-involved> Online consultation ends 28th February

Ed

Bloor Homes exhibition- 25/1/16

100 houses in first tranche- Planning permission to be applied for

Then land for new primary school to be passed to Oxfordshire County Council(OCC) - they will build the school

Not sure of dates- think 2020 was mentioned (which affects the school)

Different design to Folly Park View. Housing density something like 38 houses per hectare.

A few 2.5 storey houses- no 3 storey.

Layout includes play areas and Community Forest

They appear to have taken note of the Neighbourhood Plan

Traffic volumes and road changes being assessed (by a consultant for OCC). Roundabout on Park Road unlikely

Will include 'extra care' housing as part of the 25% Social housing

No Community Interest Levy payments (CIL not in place yet). There will be a 106 agreement (no idea what it will/could include)

Ed

Anyone find anything else out?

Qualified maths tutor wanted - 23/1/17

I am looking for a qualified tutor in Maths, for a Year 11 student taking their GCSE in June of this year. Probably for an hour or two a week - Faringdon based. If interested, please call or text me on 07714 431297.

Name supplied.

Learn about Community Interest Levy. Town Council Meeting Tuesday 24th January

7.15 pm in the Old Town Hall, Market Place, Faringdon.

Item 9 on the agenda

Vale of White Horse District Council - Planning for Infrastructure Consultations

Before Town Council responds to this consultation, a member from the District Council planning team will be attending the meeting to discuss CIL (Community Infrastructure Levy) in more detail.

Deadline for comments to the District Council: 26 January 2017.

Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Draft Charging Schedule DCS); www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/cil

Developer Contributions Supplementary Planning Document

(SPD) www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/section106

TWO NEW PARTNERS JOIN THE WHITE HORSE MEDICAL PRACTICE- 19/1/17

Dr Kerrin Masterman and Dr Robert Russ have joined the partnership of Drs Douglas, Bartholomew and Cartwright at The White Horse Medical Practice, from 1st January 2017.

"We are delighted that Kerrin and Rob have accepted partnership, securing the future of the practice, and sharing their considerable experience as GPs with us in running the practice," said Dr Cartwright.

Both doctors have already contributed greatly behind the scenes in helping drive the practice forward in difficult times.

We are certain they will continue to help the practice develop and tackle the considerable challenges of today's NHS.

All the staff at the practice wish them well in their new positions.

WHMP

Local Government Oxfordshire ::- 19/1/17

I will tell you what I think of the proposal ::

One Oxfordshire Council for the whole of Oxfordshire will focus 90% of its Time , Money and Resources on the City of Oxford and I doubt that Faringdon , Great Coxwell , Little Coxwell and our surrounding villages will get hardly anything near what we get now .. We will be so far down the bottom of the list we wont get a look in ..

Cutting Services if we don't do as we are told and change , is an empty threat .. If we do change we will probably have our services cut in favour of existing and new services for Oxford and the big towns ..

Removing Local Councils and combing them into one is in my view Removing LOCAL Government and replacing it with CENTRAL Government ..

The whole idea is misleading and leaves us in Faringdon worse off .

Dean Suckling

Consultation: Local government in Oxfordshire - time for a change?- 19/1/17

We think so. Today we published our 'One Oxfordshire' draft proposal to abolish all six councils in Oxfordshire and replace them with ONE new council for the whole county, saving £100m in the first five years. That would save £20m each year - enough to fix over 300,000 potholes or provide 1 million hours of home care.

We want to hear from residents about what you think (<http://www.oneoxfordshire.org/get-involved>) of the proposal.

Our proposal Oxfordshire currently has six councils – one county council and five district and city councils. We believe the current system is complicated, wasteful and no longer financially sustainable. Without change, important local services could be reduced and some may be cut altogether. We think all six councils should be abolished and be replaced by ONE new council for the whole of Oxfordshire. It would save over £100m in the first five years - money that could be used to improve local services and keep council tax down. This is called a 'unitary' council. It would be simpler, offer better services, respond better to local priorities and be lower cost. This is what we mean by ONE Oxfordshire (<http://www.oneoxfordshire.org/>) .

SIMPLER

- One website, one phone number, one contact for all your council services
- Other public services such as the NHS and police could work better with one council rather than several
- Joined-up planning for jobs, homes and transport is better for residents and the local economy
- One council taking decisions in the best interests of the whole of Oxfordshire

BETTER SERVICES

- One council is responsible for all the environmental services such as street cleaning and road maintenance in your area
- Joining up social services, housing and benefits makes it easier to support people who need extra help
- One council for Oxfordshire can keep vulnerable children and adults safer

MORE LOCAL

- One local councillor representing your community who is accountable for all council services in your local area Parishes and town councils have more influence over decisions for their own communities
- Your councillor takes local decisions as members of 'area boards' covering existing district/city areas

LOWER COST

- No duplication – abolishing six councils to create one, brand new council costs less to run with fewer councillors and senior managers
- One council saves £20m each year, which can be used to deliver better services and protect them from future cuts
- Keeps council tax down

Ed: See press article . Council Leaders keep quiet over failed council shake up that cost the tax payers £200k

http://www.oxfordmail.co.uk/news/yourtown/oxfordshire/14690005.Council_leaders_keep_quiet_over_failed_council_shake_up_that_cost_taxpayer___200k/?commentSort=score

Re Town meeting - 19/1/17

How many people attended who weren't councillors or town employees? The notes below sound like self congratulation by the town council... I take it none of the items on this list of wonders and achievements was put forward by anyone who was NOT a councillor?

Name supplied

ED: *I wrote the meeting notes and posted them here so that more people are made aware of FTC activities They are in my view an accurate statement of the main points made. The first set of bullet points was information from the Town Council. The 2nd, as it states, by people from the the Town. Only a few towns people attended (this is not unusual) The formal minutes will be available from FTC in due course- no timescales mentioned.*

Faringdon Town Meeting (FTC) 16/1. Notes - 18/1/17

- Recreation and Open spaces and Venues will committees will merge
- Planning and highways committee will meet every month (previously every 3 weeks)
- Youth services to change to Community and Partnerships- and will include Youth and other initiatives
- Children Centre (to be closed by OCC in March 2017) will continue at the Pump House Project, financed by FTC and other organisations.
- Tidy Team has been successful. Time allocated will double later in the year
- January newsletter has been produced- you can sign up for this (see <http://faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk/>)
- The Neighbourhood plan is now part of Local Planning Policy. FTC will seek to ensure that all future planning applications are consistent with the policies in the plan
- FTC will receive £25k planning gain/developer contribution from Fernham Fields development. £60k from the Waitrose/Aldi/Costa site. £0 from The Steeds. South of Park Road agreement has not been finalised. Details of 106 agreements will be put on FTC website.
- Council Tax/Faringdon amount will increase by c 3% to cover staff cost for Childrens Centre.
- 3343 houses in Faringdon charged Council Tax. (The FTC budget is based on this)
- FTC have appointed an assistant Town Clerk and a manager of the Tourist Information Centre.
- Income from Town buildings has increased through the Town Councils move to the Pump House and the letting of the former space used in the Corn Exchange. Income from lettings of the Corn Exchange has increased. Pump House letting income has reduced as there are now fewer rooms that can be let.
- Thames Water have said the sewage system will be upgraded by April 2018

Other points(raised by attendees)

- 25mph speed limit through town suggested- need to ask Traffic Advisory group
- No plans for CCTV
- Faringdon in top 10 of best places to live. We need to raise awareness of this. <https://www.onefamily.com/hotspots/top-20/>
- Open meeting re 420 houses. South of Park Road. Bloor Homes. Corn Exchange 24/1/ 3pm- 7pm
- VWHDC (Roger Cox) explained the £250k cost of implementing parking enforcement in Faringdon in a letter to FTC. This will be put on FTC website.
- Decluttering project of town centre signs in progress

- Space for 1 coach to park in the aldi/waitrose car park. FTC are working with the Town Team to promote Faringdon as a tourist destination. Includes use of the coach space.

ATTENTION YOUNG PHOTOGRAPHERS AND YOUNG WRITERS- 18/1/17

Rotary national competitions taking place now for young people aged 7 to 18 years. Work to be submitted by Saturday 18th March 2017. Information pack/s & entry forms from Rtn Paul Rogers

Email – rotarycomp2017@aol.com

Or download from our website www.faringdonrotaryclub.org

Waitrose Community Support- 18/1/17

Hello I'm the Store Manager of the new Waitrose in Faringdon and we are looking for 3 local good causes each month to support and get a share of £500 through Waitrose Community Matters.

Have a look at this link and get in contact. Thanks

http://www.waitrose.com/home/inspiration/community_matters.html

Public Exhibition. Bloor Homes. Land South of Park Road- 17/1/17

Tuesday 24th January Corn Exchange 3pm to 7pm

The new scheme will provide a high quality residential development for up to 425 new homes, a primary school, children's play space (equipped and natural play), community forest, allotments and an orchard, a sustainable drainage system and new access from Park Road.

<http://www.parkroadconsultation.co.uk/>

Toddler Film Time @ The Regent Cinema Wednesday 25th January- 17/1/17

The Many Adventures of Winnie The Pooh (U)

Film starts at 1.00pm, doors open 12.30pm

TICKETS ON THE DOOR £4 or FREE if registered/fill in a short form to be registered with the Children's Centre (Action For Children)

Bring your little one along and enjoy a relaxed atmosphere! Film will finish by 2.30pm

Enquiries: 01367 242191

Toddler Film @ The Regent Cinema

(in partnership with Faringdon Children's Centre)

PETITION UPDATE - REINSTATE GP SURGERY FUNDING- 14/1/17

We have smashed our first target for signatures and are increasing it to 500. If you want to protect our GP service for the future, funding for its infrastructure expansion must be reinstated to meet population growth. Please add your voice to the hundreds of others here.

<http://www.oxonlibdems.uk/westernvalegpffunding>

David Grant

Faringdon Community Bus needs more volunteer drivers- 13/1/17

Have you ever wanted to drive a bus? Do you have some spare time?

Do you want to help in providing a valuable service to the community?

If the answer to any of these questions is "yes" then why not join the Faringdon Community Bus team which needs more volunteer drivers?

The bus is straightforward to drive and full training will be given. Although welcome, no significant commitment is required, maybe only 3 or 4 mornings a month.

If you would like to join us, please contact

Richard Smith (07879 470440) or

Steve Wright (01367 241011) or

email: info@FaringdonCommunityBus.co.uk

www.FaringdonCommunityBus.co.uk

Costa coffee drive thru, doors open on the 18th of January- 13/1/17

Volunteer for Thames Valley Police - 13/1/17

Join us at 6.30pm on Tuesday 17 January for an online Q&A looking at how you can become more active in your community with Thames Valley Police.

As well as numerous volunteer roles and opportunities, did you know that TVP now runs cadet units in each of the local police areas? There are also neighbourhood action groups who help police with local problem solving and shape the local policing priorities.

Assistant Chief Constable Nikki Ross will be part of the panel to offer guidance and advice and respond to any questions that you want answering.

Join in the conversation between 6.30pm - 7.30pm on Tuesday 17 January at: [Thames Valley Police, Cover it Live](#)

If you miss it live, it can be replayed anytime after the event on the same link.

You can send any questions in advance of the session by reply to this alert up to 5pm on Tuesday 17 January, and by tweeting @ThamesVP using #AskTVP.

Whatever you've resolved to do this year – be a part of it with Thames Valley Police.

Re: Hidden Tunnels- 13/1/17

Your question peaked my interest and a cursory trawl of the net I came across <http://www.thetarotlady.co.uk/Files/OLDCROWNREADING.pdf>

How much you believe in her writeup about the various ghosts is up to you however she seems to have elaborated a little more on the tunnels.

I can find nothing about being able to explore them though. Perhaps it is worth speaking to the landlord of the inn?

That said I can not imagine the tunnels are that exciting or long. If tunnels is your thing there are some awesome network of linked tunnels in Oxford (mainly linking the Bodleian and the OUP.

Rob

Learn and Dance Salsa. Monday 16th January in Faringdon - 13/1/17

Join our 6 week beginners' course at the Catholic Church Hall, Faringdon - starting Monday 16th January 2017 at 6.30pm.

It's great fun, an easy way to make new friends, keeps your mind working and your body moving!!!

For more info please text me on 0776 626 5223 or like our Facebook page "Social Salsa in Swindon".

We also have a website www.socialsalsainswindon.co.uk I look forward to meeting you soon

Hidden Tunnels- 13/1/17

Does anyone have any information about apparent hidden tunnels under Faringdon? There's supposedly a short network of tunnels that used to lead from the crown towards the church, I was wondering if there was any way of accessing them and how I would go about doing so if they exist?

farkasmaro@gmail.com

Grants for local festivals- 13/1/17

Community groups in the Vale of White Horse looking to stage local festivals or events can claim up to £1,000 grant funding - but they need to apply by Wednesday 1 March.

Vale of White Horse District Council which offers grants to non-profit community organisations, still has funds available to support local festivals and events taking place over the next 12 months.

The funding can cover up to 75 per cent of the total cost of staging festivals open to the local community.

Events the council has helped to fund recently include the Abingdon Cycle Festival, ATOM

(Oxfordshire Science Festival), fennel Festival, and Wantage Summer Festival.

If you need help to fund a local festival in the Vale of White Horse

visit www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/grants.

Cllr Elaine Ware, Cabinet Member for Grants at Vale of White Horse District Council, said:

“Staging an event in your town or village can bring the whole community together and help to attract more visitors to the area. We helped to fund some great events last year but there’s still funding available for 2017.

If you are looking to hold a festival make sure you get your application in before 1 March.”

New grant opportunity: up to £50k from Building a Stronger Britain Together - 13/1/17

A new Home Office grant opportunity is offering up to £50,000 to charities working on projects that counter extremism and build stronger communities.

The Building a Stronger Britain Together programme offers two forms of support through a competitive bidding process:

- **Grants:** targeted funding for specific projects with demonstrable outcomes which provide a positive alternative to extremist voices
- **In-kind support:** such as social media training, technical assistance to help a group improve their website, or capacity-building work to help a group protect more vulnerable individuals.

You can apply for both in-kind support and grant funding. Grants are being managed by community foundations such as OCF across England and Wales.

*PLEASE NOTE that the deadline for grants is 5pm on **Monday 6 February 2017**. There is a fixed amount of funding available and bids will be considered on a first-come-first-served basis.*

It is also worth noting that the application form and Home Office processes are lengthy, and groups can only apply for up to 25% of their annual income, therefore very small groups may find it difficult to apply.

Full details and the link to an application form can be found on the [Home Office website](#).

Wicklesham Quarry: Grundon served with Breach of Conditions Notice.- 13/1/17

Oxfordshire County Council served Grundon Ltd with a Breach of Conditions Notice on 9th December 2016, for failing to restore Wicklesham Quarry according to planning conditions. A County Council Monitoring Officer previously photographed damage to one of the ponds, which are the habitat of European Protected Species. For the latest update, follow the link: <https://www.change.org/p/faringdon-town-council-the-vale-of-white-horse-district-council-and-secretary-of-state-sajiv-javid-protect-wicklesham-quarry-from-development/u/18960803>.

Earlier updates can be found by scrolling down the main petition page.

Anna Hoare

SAVE YOUR LOCAL MacMillan GROUP! - 11/1/17

Please help us to save our Faringdon & District Macmillan Cancer support group.

We desperately need committee members, a Chairperson and a Treasurer.

Unless we get some new people our group is about to close, so no more

Giant Coffee Mornings @ Corn Exchange and all of the other events that are held throughout the year.

Our group regularly raises over £12k per year for local people with cancer.

Please contact Colin or Christine on 07854 190 998 if you know someone who might like to help keep this

long established fund raising group going or email christinegibbard@gmail.com

First Aid at Work - 11/1/17

All businesses and including the self-employed, are required to consider their first aid needs in the workplace and to make adequate provision for this through risk assessment:

For those requiring a First Aid At Work (Lev.3 FAAW 3 day) first aid qualification. A course is due to be run on 23rd to 25th January 2017 and has been arranged at a local venue in Faringdon.

Due to a group booking in place, and further places available, I am able to offer spaces at a cost of £125.00. This will include certificate, training manual, refreshments (including lunch).

All training is provided in line with HSE recommendation for the workplace and Health & Safety (First Aid) Regulations 1981.

Should you, or your staff require this training, then please contact me for further information, or if you have further questions regarding first aid at work or other courses that I may be able to provide.

Malcolm Gee

MG Training & First Aid Support

Tel: 07796 572752 Email: malcolm@the5gees.plus.com

Couch to 5K Beginners Running Course- 11/1/17

The Faringdon Far Runners will be running a beginners 'Couch to 5K' course starting 29th January. If you've thought about running, but don't know where to start, or made a New Years' Resolution to be more active, lose weight, or just get out and make new friends then we can help.

This course is also suitable for those returning to running after an injury or a longish break. Our 'Couch to 5K' follows the NHS Choices plan which runs over 8-10 weeks and we'll have a

'graduation' run at a local Park Run to celebrate your achievement. If you're interested then there's more information on how to sign up on Run Together and book on to our Beginners course here:

<https://groups.runtogether.co.uk/FarRunners/CouchtoFiveK>

We're also on Facebook and Twitter under FarRunners, or you can email us

on farrunners@yahoo.com if you have any questions.

More experienced runners who can complete at least 5km are also welcome to join us on our week night runs. Again more information on Run

Together <https://groups.runtogether.co.uk/FarRunners/CouchtoFiveK> or <https://groups.runtogether.co.uk/FarRunners/>

Jon Durant and Rachel Whiting (Run Leaders)

Community Bus trip to Witney- 9/1/17

The Faringdon Community Bus is running a trip to Witney on Thursday 12th January.

It will leave the Market Place at 1.15pm and will leave Witney at 4pm.

Tickets £5.00 (£2.50 for under 16's) are available from the Information Centre, The Pump House.

Tel 01367 240281.

Monday 16th January Town Meeting- 7/1/17

Corn Exchange, 7.30pm

Presentation by Faringdon Town Council of the proposed budget for 2017/18.

Residents will have the opportunity to put forward suggestions for projects to be considered.

New term, new repertoire for Ferndale Community Choir- 5/1/17

Wednesday 11th January Roman Catholic Church, Marlborough St, 6.45 for 7pm start, £3.50 per session

No experience needed. Everyone welcome

We've a really good selection of modern, folk, musical theatre songs and warmups- many very familiar tunes.

Some we just sing- because we like to sing. Some we'll work at to get them as good as we can.
Led by Louise Woodgate, professional singer and teacher.
Do come along- we have 40ish coming each week. The more the merrier
Contact 01367 242222

Waitrose are scheduled to open in Faringdon on 2 Feb.- 5/1/2017

Change of Use- Lamb and Flag - 5/1/17

The new owners of the Lamb & Flag in Longworth have applied to VoWHDC planning for change of use, converting the house into a residential dwelling.

There are 2 applications :-

<http://bit.ly/2hglaLw>

<http://bit.ly/2h5ZIYW>

This is due to be discussed at the KBS PC meeting on Monday January 9th 2017 @7pm - Southmoor Village Hall.

If you believe that this valuable community asset deserves to be saved, PLEASE, show your support by attending the meeting.

Points to think about with regards this valuable community asset:

- It has hosted live music events which not only brought the community together, but also provided a platform for local artists which contributed to the local area's culture
- The pub has also hosted advertising for local events which encourages the community to come together to support local businesses
- There were television screenings of sporting events enjoyed by patrons, providing a safe place to enjoy a drink for vulnerable members of society
- The pub has in the past hosted fantastic quiz nights bringing people together from a variety of different backgrounds, furthering the recreational interests of the community
- The pub has taken part in, and hosted, events to raise money for local charities
- There is the most fantastic beer garden (which until recently had a children's play area), that can be used and enjoyed by families.
- The pub served amazing food enjoyed by the local community, with special offers for older people & meal deals on certain evening (Ladies Night Mondays - place was always packed out!).
- There is access for disabled people providing an easily accessible and inclusive space to meet with other member of the local community and provides a safe and enjoyable environment furthering the persons well-being.
- It has been used as a regular meeting place for local community groups and charities to use
- The pub offered games including darts, pool, aunt sally, billiards etc.
- The pub enabled local people to enjoy a range of drinks and food in a pleasant, convivial atmosphere, furthering their individual well-being.

The Lamb & Flag offered something the other pubs in the village don't. The Hinds Head at one end of the village is fantastic and has a loyal clientele, but for larger gatherings it can be a bit of a squeeze :) . The Waggon & Horses is more of a sports pub these days - which suits many patrons very well - but for others it is something that might drive them away; but the Lamb & Flag, at the other end of the village like a bookend, retained that convivial Country Pub charm. Wouldn't it be a crying shame to lose that?

With the village expanding in that direction in the very near future, it makes sense to fight to keep the Lamb & Flag

The Big Knit - 5/1/2017

The Big Knit is back and it is BIGGER than ever! This means we're collecting hats as usual but they won't appear on innocent bottles until winter 2017. We are aiming to collect twice as many hats as last year and have two separate deadlines for sending hats in by, one in winter and one in

summer.

How The Big Knit helps older people in Oxfordshire

In the UK, as many as 25,000 older people may die needlessly in the winter because of the cold. All funds that we raise locally through the Big Knit campaign support Age UK Oxfordshire's Information and Advice Helpline, which provides vital support for older people and carers in Oxfordshire during the cold winter months.

In addition to raising much-needed funds, the Big Knit is a great way to bring people and communities together. Knitting groups have been held up and down the country for people to get involved, share patterns and have a cup of tea or two!

<http://www.ageuk.org.uk/oxfordshire/news--campaigns/the-big-knit/>

Don't Just Give Up, Give Blood This New Year! - 4/1/17

NHS Blood and Transplant aim to collect over 6,000 units of blood per day but only 2.3% of potential donors gave blood in the past year.

Blood can be split into red blood cells, platelets and plasma which can all be used to treat a wide range of different injuries and illnesses. That means that with every 1 donation, you could save and improved up to 3 lives!

Most people between the ages of 17 and 70 are eligible to donate; some donors have helped over 500 people throughout their lifetime.

The Corn Exchange, Faringdon

Tuesday 17 January 2017

13.10 - 16.00 & 16.50 - 19.15

Call - 0300 123 2323 **Web** - www.blood.co.uk **Free App** - NHSGiveBlood

So give us a call, get online or download the free app to book your appointment today.

ADMISSIONS TO FIS and FJS UPDATE- 3/1/17

Admission to Faringdon Infants and Faringdon Juniors will change slightly for September 2018 intake. From this date Faringdon Junior School will take 30 reception children and Faringdon Infants will take 60. Children who start at Faringdon Infant School in 2018 will remain at this school eventually moving sites – they will not transfer to FJS in Year 3 as they have in the past.

The FAoS will be holding a drop-in session on Wednesday 25th January at the Old Town Hall, Faringdon from 2.00-4.00pm. Parents will be able to find out more about the Admissions and what it might mean for them.

Consultation information can be found on the Faringdon Academy

website: <http://www.faringdon.academy/consultations/>

The consultation period ends on the 31st January 2017. Please direct any queries

to: academyqueries@faringdon.academy

Faringdon Primary School in 1960s- 3/1/17

Please have a look at the photo on <http://www.faringdon.org/memories-of-faringdon.html>

Can you name any of the teachers?

Thanks

Gene Webb

Sensory Garden project seeks Volunteers- 2/1/17

Happy New Year!

Privileged people - you have the opportunity of the century, literally in 2017 to create a legacy for the next 100 years at least in your own community!

There are no publicly accessible sensory gardens in the region, let alone the area; they are all in hospices or special needs schools.

We say that everyone needs a Sensory Garden!

This project will provide benefit for all kinds of people for generations to come.

I need volunteers for the following work-streams:

1. Special needs: experience or interest in working with children and adults with special needs e.g. Downs Syndrome, Autism etc.
2. Dementia/ Alzheimer's: qualifications, experience or interest in working with people with these conditions
3. Sensory : experience or interest of working with people with special Sensory needs e.g. Blind, deaf etc.
4. Accessibility; experience or interest in creating an accessible environment for all including those in wheelchairs, with mobility aids such as walking frames, crutches etc.
5. Mental health: experience in working with people of all ages with mental health issues including those conditions generated by trauma e.g PTSD or Post Natal Depression (PND)
6. Carers: experience or interest in being a carer. What do carers need to make their life better/easier for them? What can the garden do in terms of providing a safe and understanding environment?
7. History: interest in local history, world politics, the home front, occupations pre and post war, medicine, military and weaponry. Liaison with families connected to Faringdon war dead; how do we reflect their family sacrifices in the garden for future generations?
8. Art: interest in sculpture, trench art etc.
9. Education: educational trails, outdoor classrooms etc, - history, politics, English literature(war poetry), art, chemistry (ordnance etc.), biology (field medicine, plant biology etc), geography (terrain to support military intent etc.)
10. Local Economy - interest in establishing a viable commercial structure for the garden. Who will supply the cafe? How do we generate a profit for the long term?
11. Horticulture: experience and/or interest in the trees and shrubs we plant and why. Long term maintenance considerations
12. Community: how do we get the schools and groups involved with the project and garden long term? How do we mark their involvement?
13. Business: how do we harness the offers of support from business?
14. Military: experience or interest in establishing links between Faringdon military of 1914-1918 and today. How do we commemorate the armed forces and establish links to the garden for future generations?
15. Wildlife: experience or interest in British wildlife and the encouraging of local species in the garden. Liaison with the wildlife trusts, RSPB etc. Will need to research design elements such as bat and bird boxes, ditches for frogs, newts etc.
16. Elderly/"Vintage" citizens: Experience and/or interest in the design of the garden to ensure accessible to these community elders. Especially important with regards to the cafe, outdoor furniture, arbors, rest stops etc. A critical influence in the project from selection of tea cups and chairs to path layout and placement of benches etc.
17. Children: this garden is not designed as a playground but will have obvious benefits for small people such as a safe place to play and learn. We need people who can tell us how they think we should design dens, play areas, ponds etc. so these future generations are safe and sound.
18. Employment: How can the garden create employment for members of our community who need a helping hand to get on the job ladder?
19. Wellness: anyone with experience and/or interest in how the garden encourage physical and mental wellness? Design features, environments and facilities from spaces for meditation, Tai Chi and yoga to refreshments in the cafe.
20. Physical: interest and/or experience in the encouragement of physical activity in those who are elderly, recovering from illness or trauma or wish to become more active.

Please note that these 20 elements will be project teams in their own right. You will not need to attend committee meetings etc unless you want to. We need to harness your time and interest in

these areas so we get it right. You don't need to have specific qualifications but you do need to be interested and to care about the outcome of the area you're involved in. Age and qualifications are irrelevant entirely. We are creating something special for all generations and you are needed, regardless.

Please let me know which area you'd like to get involved with. Each work-stream will be given budget and a timeline to join up to.

Please email faringdonsensory@icloud.com

This Project will be finished in 2018; your involvement is crucial but should be easily managed alongside your daily life.

You can do something special. You can. Do it in 2017 Make it your resolution

We need you. Your community needs you. They don't know it yet but your future community needs you too.

Go on... make yourself proud...

Mel Lane

News and Views February 2017

Re: Medical Centre.- 28/2/17

I recently learnt that we can no longer book routine face 2 face appointments with a GP. Unfortunately, all appointments are triaged, while acceptable for acute on the day symptoms but totally impractical otherwise. As reception are unable to allocate a time for the triage with the doctor, this can have an impact on your working day.

I hope this is only a trial situation and not a permanent arrangement.

Name supplied

The Hobble footpath.- 27/2/17

I see that walking along the Hobble path today that possibly overnight there has been wanton vandalism on the fence surrounding Tesco. The other day I noticed that the security fence around Peter Kinch and Second2none had been cut and opened up.

I sincerely hope we aren't going to see more of this as we hardly ever see a Police presence in the town.

Name Supplied

Folly and dog mess.- 26/2/17

The two ladies walking up to the Folly this morning at 9.30 (one in a turquoise jacket, the other in a dark green(I think)) you walked so far ahead of your spaniel, paying no attention to what it was doing, so you failed to see it leaving a large deposit on the Folly path, the one through the gate. I refuse to pick up mess left by lazy dog owners so instead I moved it out of the way of children and other walkers with the use of a stick! Not pleasant but I couldn't leave it where it was.

I'm afraid I didn't have the courage to run after you and ask you to return to the mess, I wasn't sure of the reaction I would have been met with.

Hopefully though somebody knows them and will pass on this message.

I saw lots of people up there this morning and many had bags with them waiting to put them in the bins on the way home, me included. What a pity that the few are happy to ruin it all.

Name Supplied.

Tesco Grants - 26/2/17

I've just spoken with Trevor Nye at Tesco. He is now the Community Coordinator for Tesco support of local organisations- grants or other sorts of support. It seems the areas for the Bags of Life grants will be changing over the next few weeks. The area boundaries will be smaller so looks as if organisations we can vote for will be much nearer to Faringdon

Good News

Gene Webb

The naming of Henry Blake Way- 26/2/17

The apologies of Mary Beck and Devil's Advocate concerning the naming of Henry Blake Way are contrite and graciously expressed but I am surprised though. I thought everyone knew that our esteemed Council have had in place for a long time the commendable policy of naming new streets and developments with names taken from the War Memorial. Sadly, there are still plenty to choose from but it is gratifying to know that these heroes are remembered in this way.

Incidentally, there are many names of war casualties that are not recorded on the Market Place Memorial probably at the request of their relatives at the time. It would be appropriate if local historians and the men's relatives would also make their names available for consideration.

Dennis Haynes

Bulbs for the Folly- 25/2/17

If anyone is digging up snowdrops or aconites I'd be more than happy to plant them at the Folly
genewebb@rocketmail.com
Gene Webb

Internet connections- 25/2/17

For some weeks now, I have had difficulty in connecting to the internet. I live on the east side of Faringdon and the problem seems to be getting worse. - Is anyone else experiencing these intermittent breaks in connection?
name supplied

Henry Blake apologies- 24/2/17

My attempt at humour in this instance, given the context is poorly judged. It also clearly demonstrates my ignorance. I would never knowingly reduce the significance of the sacrifice that many brave souls gave to our country, yet this is what I appear to have done in this instance.
Apologies
Devils advocate

Henry Blake - 24/2/17

I didn't know that, and am humbled.
Mary Beck

HENRY BLAKE- 24/2/17

Are you having a joke or do you not look on the Town War Memorial ? Henry Blake lost his life in the first world War.

William Law

ED: For some time now, Faringdon Town Council has named streets after those named on the War memorial See <http://www.faringdon.org/war-memorial.html>

Henry Blake- 23/2/17

A fictional character in MASH

Devils Advocate

Who is Henry Blake? - 23/2/17

I think we should know. Is Henry Blake Way (see Aldi leaflet) Named after the famous lighthouse keeper of Dungeness?

Mary Beck

Waitrose/Tesco- 22/2/17

As long as Faringdon and the local area benefit from any grants,I do not consider it as being sad.Maybe the Medical Centre might get something to help,seeing as they inexplicably lost their grant.

Sylvia Day

Ruby Jacks, BGI building- 22/2/17

What a dreadful state the outside of this building is in. Paint peeling off, holes in rendering, Pigeon mess.

It's an important building in the Market Square. I hope the owner has plans to improve how it looks
Name Supplied

Tesco v Waitrose - 21/2/17

And so the Tesco/Waitrose battle for our hearts and minds begins. How sad.
Mary Beck

Local jobs advertised - 21/2/17

See <http://www.faringdon.org/jobs--volunteering.html>

DAY OUT TO THE ROYAL MINT EXPERIENCE NR CARDIFF- 21/2/17

Strike your own new 12 sided £1 coin and see how money is made on a guided tour round the factory.

Interactive exhibition and historical displays

Friday 17th March 2017 Leaving Faringdon Bowls Club at 9.00 a.m. Returning at approximately 6.00 p.m.

£30.00 per person (includes admission)

- Executive coach transport
- Restaurant serving hot and cold food

To secure your place please contact Sue Martin on 01285 851300 or sue.martin@waitrose.com
Please note: This is a non-profit making trip so cancellations can only be refunded if your place is re-sold.

Tesco grants. More projects are eligible- 21/2/17

Community groups across the UK are being invited to apply for Tesco Bags of Help funding as the application criteria opens to allow for more communities to bag some cash for their project.

As well as continuing to fund the development of and activity in outdoor spaces such as allotments and community gardens, grants will now be available to fund the purchase of items such as sports kits, camping equipment, spades, litter pickers or specialised medical equipment.

Funding is also available for improvements to community buildings, for example scout or guide hut, church or village hall or sports changing rooms. Groups looking to hold seasonal events and activities such as a Christmas lights can also apply for funding through the programme.

<https://data.groundwork.org.uk/civicrm/mailling/view?reset=1&id=949>

Breaking into sheds - 21/2/17

Please be aware that it now seems to be 'break into sheds' season again! (Southampton street south)

This morning @2am we witnessed an idiot trying to break into our neighbors shed.

We managed to light the garden up, And heard the idiot fall through bushes trying to get out of our gardens!

police were called and were very prompt in attending. sadly the idiot is still on the run!

Name supplied

British Legion Remembrance Travel - 20/2/17

I am Head of Travel for the travel arm of the Royal British Legion, Remembrance Travel, and I'm currently on a mission to find every single surviving D Day veteran. The Treasury is enabling a series of free-of-charge tours for D Day veterans to return to Normandy and pay their respects to their fallen comrades. The tours are being funded by the Treasury from LIBOR fines, and will enable a D Day veteran to return with a family member and carer on a six-night tour.

The 2017 tours will take place in March, April, May and September and will give Normandy veterans - now mostly in their 90s - the chance to revisit the Normandy beaches, cemeteries and memorials. The tours will be accompanied by a medic and a guide from the Royal British Legion.

The tours will depart from London and will include Eurotunnel from Dover to Calais, accommodation, visits to Pegasus Bridge, Juno, Sword, Gold beaches, Arromanches, and war memorials, plus visits to personally specified cemeteries too.

Sadly, there is no database of D Day veterans so we're calling on the goodwill of the media and general public to spread the word. So, if you do know a D Day veteran, please do let them know about our free tours.

Normandy veterans wishing to benefit from this tour need to apply to our tour operator, Arena Travel on 01473 660800, or visit www.arenatravel.com/journeysofremembrance.

Many thanks,

Nichola Rowlands, Head of Travel, Remembrance Travel, 199 Borough High Street, London, SE1 1AA

Folly Tower and Woodland Annual Meeting- 19/2/17

Thursday 9th March The Quad, 7pm

You are all warmly invited to the Folly Meeting on Thursday, 9th March at the Quad. We had a fabulous turnout last year and are looking forward to welcoming new and old friends alike this year. The meeting is an important opportunity for us to get together and celebrate the successes of last year and build on them for the 2017 season. Come along simply to listen and share successes with fellow volunteers, to bring ideas for future development.

www.faringdonfolly.org.uk

Faringdon Town Council Updates, Successes and Plans- 19/2/17

See what they've been working on- Cinema, Tidy Team, Children's Centre, fund raising for Old Town Hall ++

Scroll down on <http://faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk/?section=1>

Al-Roche Lebanese restaurant is closing - 19/2/17

Super restaurant. Lovely young couple who run it. Very sad it's closing in 3 weeks time
Name Supplied

Fund Raising for Sue Ryder Hospice - 19/2/17

Ruth Styles is fundraising for her place in the London Marathon this April, for the Sue Ryder Hospice in Nettlebed. With £1,750 to raise overall, she is having a fundraising coffee morning & sale at the Catholic Church Hall (the entrance is at the back, near Budgens car park, look for the balloons) on **Saturday 25th February 2017 (10.30-1)**. On the day: Raffle (with great local prizes supported by local companies), Tombola, Games, General Sale & Cake Stall, Games, Tea/Coffee and Cakes to have on the day. Please come and support this wonderful charity as well as having a fun morning and maybe picking up a bargain, winning a wonderful prize or just a chat and a hot drink. Everyone is welcome. :-)

Superfast Broadband - 19/2/17

11 out of 12 Cabinets in Faringdon have been converted by BT Openreach to superfast fibre broadband, with the exception of Cabinet 10 in Gloucester Street!

My name is Alistair Williamson; I am a resident in Gloucester Street.; I am a businessman based in Faringdon. I have fibre broadband in my office in Market Place but not at home in Gloucester Street.

One of my New Year's resolutions for 2017 was to bring together those in Gloucester Street to enable us to all benefit from fibre broadband; just like every other resident and business in Faringdon.

Alistair says, *'I am frustrated and disappointed, on behalf of myself and my 89 neighbours in Gloucester Street, who don't currently have access to superfast fibre broadband. I find this is extremely limiting for both my personal and business use. It is also totally unfair as 11 out of the*

12 BT Cabinets in Faringdon have already been converted with the exception of Cabinet 10 in the Town Centre.'

Lobbying

I have been in regular contact with Ed Vaizey – our MP and Bill Murphy – Managing Director of next generation access for BT for a number of years, about this problem. I have tried to persuade them to get Cabinet 10 in Gloucester Street, Faringdon, converted to fibre broadband; unfortunately, none of my efforts so far have produced the desired result.

I have setup a website www.cab10.co.uk so that the 89 property owners in Gloucester Street can register their interest in a Community Fibre Partnership to convert Cabinet 10 to superfast fibre broadband.

Alistair Williamson

VWHDC District Clean up- 18/2/17

The press release says *'Following a successful trial in 2016, the council is allocating £80,000 per year to carry out a deep cleanse of the district to ensure public areas are as clean and tidy as possible. The council will also continue to pay £25,000 per year for the next three years to ensure grass verges in urban areas can be cut at least once a year.'*

My guess is they will only do areas reported to them- so we could help by reporting where the dirty streets are via email: admin.vale@biffa.co.uk or phone 03000 610610 or

via <https://www.fixmystreet.com/> (on here you can see problems already reported and if they've been fixed)

The VWHDC website says

- town centres are cleaned once a day and mechanically swept once a week
- town centre car parks are cleaned three times a week
- outer town areas are cleaned once a week and mechanically swept once a month
- large villages are cleaned on a rotation basis
- small villages are cleaned on request

Re: Southampton St and other developments- 18/2/17

I don't know who the developers are but suspect that you are right about extending the planning permission. This is probably because they, and all the other developments, have been unable to continue as Thames Water needed to upgrade their sewage and water systems. They are currently doing this so I think we're about to see a major increase in the number of builders in Faringdon.

Green Witch

Southampton St Tennis Courts - 18/2/17

Every time I walk past the old tennis courts, I think what an eyesore. They started putting the road in and then nothing for months. There is a couple of mounds of rubble, even the heras fencing looks a mess as it's been pushed about.

Can anyone shed any light (and who the developer is), I am guessing they did just the road bit so they can extend the planning for a few years (like the development of flats on Park Road)

Name supplied

Folly Path- 17/2/17

At last the tarmac path to the Folly has been cleaned by VWHDC (I first asked them at the end of October). The mud and detritus on the path made it slippery underfoot, especially in wet and icy weather.

I'm now hoping that those who are not very conscientious about bagging dog poo (and binning it) will notice the clean path and take much more care- here and in the woodland.

Gene Webb

Friend of the Folly

New GP Contract- 17/2/17

See [latest bulletin](#)

Items which may be of interest include:

- Information about the 2017-18 GP contract which comes into effect on 1st April 2017
- New resources for patients about using the online facilities now available at all GP practices, including access to information in their medical records
- Opportunities for patients to be involved in research projects and advisory panels
- and more.....

See [_http://www.napp.org.uk/latestbulletins.html](http://www.napp.org.uk/latestbulletins.html) for earlier bulletins

VWHDC Budget commits millions to Vale communities

<http://www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/news/2017/2017-02/budget-commits-millions-vale-communities>

But not to Faringdon

Ed

Windows/listed buildings.- 15/2/17

Interesting subject.

Not all buildings in a conservation area are listed, so it should be no problem to repair with modern building materials sympathetic in style and appearance to the general surroundings. Just out of interest though, do people in listed buildings not have modern bathrooms and kitchens, boilers and sanitation or are they obliged [and proud] to have period features such as chamber pots, spits over their open fires, stone hot-water bottles or warming pans for their beds (as of course no central heating) and outside privies? Just wondering...as I have yet to see any of my friends in their listed buildings still with 18th or even 19th century 'mod cons'.

Name Supplied

Lilian's Bakery - 14/2/17

I agree with the previous post regarding Lilian's Bakery shop. The bread is AMAZING...definitely no comparison to the steamed rubbish from Hovis and Warburtons etc...

I can't comment on the sandwiches, but as she uses her own breads, I'm sure with the filling of your choice they would be very tasty.

Crusty topped rolls, cottage loaves, wholegrain loaves...the choice in Lilian's is a tough one!

I have also had the delight of tasting the flapjacks....de-lish!

And very decent portion sizes at a decent price.

Lilian has been trading in Faringdon for over 40 years...now that tells you something!

Well done Lils!

Name supplied

Windows (again) - 14/2/17

As the owner of a listed building, I strongly advise talking to the Conservation Officer at the VoWHDC before doing anything. The only things that don't require consent are genuine like-for-like repairs. Replacing wood single-glazed units with wood double-glazed ones requires consent, however good it is. uPVC is unlikely to be approved (and nor should it in my opinion - how is plastic in keeping with a centuries-old building?). Even if you 'get away' with it, you'll run into problems if/when you come to sell. You'll only be able to sell to someone who either decides they don't care and are willing to take on the risk of getting hit with the fine (responsibility for unauthorised alterations is passed on with ownership of the house), or take out an insurance policy against any future problems.

Old buildings are lovely, but also draughty, high-maintenance and (at times) a bit difficult to live in. If uPVC is your thing, you're probably better off with a newer house!

Name supplied

London St Baker - 13/2/17

I went into the Bakers shop in London street last week after what must be quite a few years since the last time. The reason being I have to go out of my way to get there. I would like to say that Lilian must be the hardest working woman in Faringdon and the bread is excellent. After not having it for many moons I can really taste the difference from the pap sold in all the supermarkets.

Needless to say I will be using the bakers more often now and thanks again to Lilian.

Name supplied

'COTSWOLD AIRPORT AVIATION SCHOLARSHIP 2017' CELEBRATES ITS 10TH ANNIVERSARY- 13/2/17

YOUNG PEOPLE ACROSS GLOS, WILTS, OXON & BERKS MUST APPLY BEFORE 19TH MARCH FOR THE CHANCE OF WINNING A PLACE...

Cotswold Airport is delighted to be celebrating the 10th Anniversary of its hugely successful '**Cotswold Airport Aviation Scholarship**', which launched back in 2007. This unique industry scholarship programme has changed the lives of many young people over its ten year history, seeing scholars embarking on fantastic careers in the world of aviation, from engineering to commercial flying (*press case studies available*). The programme was founded by Cotswold Airport owner, Ronan Harvey, an ex-RAF engineer, aviation expert and incredibly successful entrepreneur, who wanted to open up the broad and exciting world of aviation career opportunities to young people from the local area.

To mark the ten year anniversary, the scholarship programme has been significantly enhanced, in particular with the addition of a generous sponsorship package from Gulf Aviation. This new sponsor partnership has enabled the programme to run over 10 days, rather than the original 8; and will allow scholars to officially log 10 hours flying time, an increase of 3 to 4 extra hours. In addition there will also be exciting new site visits including a day at Bristol International Airport and a day spent learning with CAV Academy learning all about drone flying. Full details of the programme will be released in the Spring.

The organisers have also taken the decision to move the Aviation Scholarship from its previous Easter holiday dates to the Summer holiday to avoid the pressure on those students who are under pressure to study for GCSE's in the Easter break; as well as opening up the application catchment area to include Berkshire. The new dates for 2017 are 31 July to 11 August (weekdays only).

Students from Gloucestershire, Wiltshire, Oxfordshire, and now Berkshire, can apply. Applicants must be 14 to 18 years of age on 19th March 2017.

Cotswold Airport is also delighted to announce that Cotswold Outdoor will be sponsoring the scholar's branded jackets for the second year running. The fantastic pro-lite softshell jacket, personalised with the Cotswold Airport logo, Cotswold Outdoor logo and the scholar's names

embroidered onto the front proved to be a godsend for the youngsters with the unpredictable weather and change in temperature at altitude!

Applications can be submitted online at www.cotswoldairport.com. Applications close on 19th March 2017.

Windows- 13/2/17

Additional facts, not alternative. "Alternative facts" are what supporters of Donald Trump disseminate. [Comment for amusement only] LOL
name supplied

Parking - 13/2/17

I saw the problems saturday in goodlake it could have been a bigger problem if emergency services were required.the only way to stop this happening is double yellow lines along the road and put into the responsibility of the council to oversee.

J.S.

Windows- 12/2/17

I would just like to add some alternative facts to the last commenter on this subject. If a building is listed, then the whole building, inside and out, is listed. Putting PVC windows as a replacement like for like to wooden ones, seems unlikley to pass consent, which is required. There is good guidance and telephone support all about the rules in this area of building work, available on the Vale website, and checking which buildings are listed can be accessed at <https://historicengland.org.uk/listing/the-list/> . Interestingly, failure to adhere to listed building rules, is a criminal, rather than civil offense. Owning a listed building is a joy which carries its own responsibilities.

Name Supplied

Windows- 12/2/17

Interesting points about windows. The rules governing listed buildings are that you should replace like with like - e.g. wood where wood exists. Not every building in the conservation area is a listed building, nor is every frontage of particular historic interest. UPVC has been dramatically improved over the years to offer many styles and infinite variety of shapes. If a building is of great historic significance or rarity, then yes there is case for preservation; but in a conservation area surely the idea is to preserve the overall character and appearance of a place, not financially cripple home owners with needlessly expensive maintenance. Surely even in these [apparently] straightened times we have a conservation officer who could advise on sympathetic maintenance of buildings which have a visual impact in the area, so that improvements harmonise instead of looking downright ugly. No need to waste money prosecuting folks for non-compliance.

name supplied

Re: Sensible Parking - 11/2/17

The Sewage disposal tanker couldn't get through the cars parked on both sides of the road in Goodlake Avenue today (Saturday). The Black VW Polo was the culprit!! Lets hope nobody needs an ambulance or the fire service!!

Name supplied

TESCO FARINGDON SERVES UP A TREAT FOR LOCAL PEOPLE AT TEA PARTY- 11/2/17

Residents of all ages are to be given the chance to get together for a community tea party this Sunday between 3pm and 5pm at TPHP. Thanks to the generosity of Tesco's Faringdon store. TPHP in Swan Lane is to hold the event as part of its work to provide a wide range of community activities for local people of all ages and abilities.

The food and refreshments for the tea party are to be provided by the Tesco store on Park Road.

Entertainment courtesy of our own DJ Shaun Godfrey. Tesco store manager Guy Bexon and Community Champion Trevor Nye will be on hand to help serve up the tea, coffee, cold drinks, cakes, fruit and sandwiches. Guy Bexon said: "The donation is part of the store's commitment to support local charities and community groups and we are delighted to be able to help in this way".

Tickets from Lou Smith on 01367 242142 Or at info@thepumphouseproject.co.uk

£6 per person

Funds will go towards 'The Pump House Project'

Sensible parking - 11/2/17

As per the title this doesn't happen in Faringdon. Trying to get to Pye Street today and difficult driving conditions and utterly ridiculous parking. Goodlake Avenue is not like Marlborough High Street! Its narrow and even more so when people park opposite an already parked car!

Saw the Hermes lorry give up and him having to move his parcels by hand. Come on people use some sense, and those that should enforce parking restrictions; do something.

I dread to think of the delay if a blue light emergency were to try to get through.

So please people, park sensibly and with thought for others.

Name supplied

The Steeds Planning application - 10/2/17

Described as 'reserved matters following outline planning consent for 200 houses'

Covers appearance, layout, landscaping +++

<http://www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/java/support/Main.jsp?MODULE=ApplicationDetails&REF=P17/V0118/RM>

Consultation ends 7/3/17

Re: Windows- 10/2/17

As far as I know replacement windows in the conservation area are subject to Planning Permission. About 4/5 years ago I complained to the conservation officer at the District Council about uPVC windows being installed in a listed building. He agreed with me but stated that the DC didn't have the funds to do anything about it. I very much doubt that anything has improved in the meantime and they will only do something if it is totally outrageous and blatant.

Green Witch

Windows...- 9/2/17

A conservation area exists along the mains streets and in the town centre. I have no objection to sensitively chosen replacement windows, in this day and age they are sensible, and need very little maintenance. Modern building materials are a viable alternative to many expensive repair options. But - for goodness sake can our conservation department at least advise on the abomination of ugly, wrongly proportioned windows right on the main street into the town? I've just seen a totally out-of-keeping example newly installed towards the top end of London Street and it is monstrous. Window panes the wrong way up (presumably to save a few pounds) and it looks ridiculous. Faringdon could be an attractive little place with a modicum of care.

Town planners where are you when we need you??

Name supplied

ROTARY YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARD- 9/2/17

Are you or do you know of a young adult aged between 18 and 25 who may be interested in taking part in our Rotary Youth Leadership Award? The course takes place at a specially adapted centre in the Snowdonia National Park, North Wales.

The week long course is about developing qualities of leadership, team working, initiative, communication and problem solving including activities such as abseiling, navigation, canoeing, sailing, high ropes. Faringdon Rotary have sponsored one or two participants for the past few

years who have returned full of confidence having had an amazing and fun experience. This is a fantastic opportunity to have fun, learn leadership skills and impress future employers/universities. The experience will look great on the young person's CV or UCAS application and can help towards the Gold Duke of Edinburgh award. The next programme takes place from 22 – 29 July 2017. Candidates must have reached 18 years of age on the first day of the course.

To find out more or if you know anyone who might be interested please message us on Facebook, visit our website or contact Tim Cowling 01367 810281 email: cowling@chrltd.freeseve.co.uk Faringdon & District Rotary Club can be found at: www.facebook.com/faringdon.rotary Website: www.faringdonrotaryclub.co.uk

LOOKING FOR FUNDING ASSISTANCE FOR A COMMUNITY PROJECT OR EVENT?- 9/2/17

Are you a community group or individual based Faringdon or local villages looking for funding assistance for a project or event?

Enter Faringdon & District Rotary's Dragons Den?

Full details and application form from: www.faringdonrotaryclub.org or telephone: 07866 556506.

Closing date for applications is 28th February 2017.

Saturday, 18th March FARINGDON FAIR FARE FAYRE!- 8/2/17

Faringdon Market Place 10.00 till 1.00pm.

Come and join in the fun with fair trade market stalls selling foods, crafts, handmade cards, fair-trade baking and more...

Fairtrade refreshments, films and activities in the Old Town Hall.

For more information call into the Mustard Seed fair trade shop 19, Market Place, Faringdon, or go to the website: www.mustardseed.org.uk

For more information and offers of help please contact Karen: 01367-241707 or email karen@vogt.org.uk

Jobs and Classified ads - 7/2/17

Hope you're keeping an eye on <http://www.faringdon.org/jobs--volunteering.html> and [For Sale/wanted items](#).

I update these pages as soon as someone sends me something to post.

Ed

Nut Tree - Much Missed- 7/2/17

Shops can't cater for everyone. I too miss the Nut Tree. I miss their humour, their local knowledge, their handbags, their card selection, their mugs and cushions and their jewellery. I miss the fact that they worked hard, together with their lovely team of ladies to keep the shop going even when rents soared.

The traditional High Street is dying and has been for years. People need shops offering goods and services which are hard to buy online or at out of town stores. That's why you see so many coffee shops, hairdressers and barbers. And, dare I say it...charity shops full of all the rubbish we've bought online and now don't want.

What could you sell that would fit that category that we don't already have? Musical instruments, a thrift shop, haberdashery (fabric, wool), antiques/junk, fixers of kettles and toasters, vinyl records....?

We've got some great shops. Instead of moaning about the empty ones we should be working out a solution to help local people open their own businesses in them or sharing premises with other fledgling businesses.

Wouldn't it be good if someone had a great idea for a business but didn't quite know if it would work, had a 3 month basic rent of a premises to properly test if it would work...? Groups like the Faringdon Business Group and/or Chamber of Commerce could support and mentor them during

the 3 months.

Just needs the landlords to agree I suppose...Surely a premises with a business in it paying a reduced rent for 3 months and then gradually increasing to market rates over 12 months is better than having your premises empty?

Mel Lane

Pump House Project Winter Newsletter- 6/2/17

http://media.wix.com/ugd/aa9dc5_38adc7957cff4df5afff3cd348b7c95e.pdf

The Great British Spring Clean- 6/2/17

Faringdon Town Council invite you to join a Community Litter Pick on Sunday 5th March 2-5pm.

Meet at The Old Town Hall, equipment provided (but extra grabbers would be helpful).

Any ideas of areas that need a tidy email rebekah@faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk or call 01367 240281

The Nut Tree - 6/2/17

The Nut tree had an excellent range of goods and nowhere now in Faringdon is there such a good selection of greeting cards. There was always a friendly welcome from Trevor and Donald - I miss them and their shop.

Margaret Barker

Empty shops- 6/2/17

What were the Nut Tree, Kwiksave and the hairdressers next to Davis DIY- all empty Any news as to what they are to become?

Ed

The Nut Tree - 6/2/17

I loved the nut tree, some unusual gifts, some expensive and more than I would spend, but plenty of choice, cards and jewellery. It offered a different selection than the other modern shops. We need a selection of shops in town,

Name supplied

Waitrose again- 6/2/17

I find it very interesting that Waitrose stirs up so much controversy. Will there be the same controversy when Aldi opens as that will be much more of a threat to Budgens/Tesco's I expect. I agree the internal design of the Waitrose leaves a lot to be desired. I have no idea why there is a coffee shop in what is supposed to be a food store, especially with Costa next door. However When all the green space opposite from Esso is covered by more poor housing from Bloor these shops will be very convenient for their owners. I doubt in physical terms if Costcutter is much further from the centre than Waitrose. As has been said if you don't like Waitrose don't shop there. It is your choice. It would seem from early indications that many people do. I have seen what they have and doubt that Waitrose will be much competition for Pat Thomas or Rob the Cheese. Did all the fuss over Tesco having a path to the town centre increase the footfall? I guess not.

Owen Brazell

The Nut Tree - 6/2/17

I thought the Nut Tree was a great shop- one of the best non food shops in Faringdon. Pity it's no longer there.

Name Supplied

The Nut Tree - 5/2/17

Tesco's didn't cause the downfall of the Nut Tree, it was whoever the stock buyer of the business was, it was expensive and not current, nothing to draw people in. Emma Bridgewater is everywhere, the company has flooded the market with the stuff, almost getting to the point of buy one get one free, Jane Hogbin, Caroline Zoob, these are the names that draw people in, the buyer should have gone to the country living fair to pick up the latest tips and see what customers really want and buy.

I know that running any business is the hardest it has ever been, but those that do survive offer their customers items that are very different from the shop next door, general trade buying will never make a business thrive no matter what other shops take up residence.

Name Supplied.

The Nut Tree - 5/2/17

Sorry Trevor but your shop was so old fashioned, cards and gifts were not current in the market place, people preferring to shop out of town or online to buy quirky gifts and cards you really needed to keep up with current trends, your shop was lagging behind the times..sorry to say. If Waitrose had moved into Budgens people still wouldn't have used your shop just in and out of the car park, Just one shop will not bring people into this town. The gift shop in London street seem to have got it right and are thriving, perhaps it is something to do with pricing. Trevor please don't think I am being over critical, in this climate i certainly wouldn't want to try and run a shop, but I will always visit and buy from a shop that is keeping up with the latest pottery, gifts, etc., online shopping seems to be cheaper.

Name supplied.

Faringdon's out-of-town shopping - 5/2/17

I agree that the new Waitrose is in the wrong place- if it is intended for local people rather than A420 commuter traffic. Developing the 4&20 site for retail was obviously going to put a further nail in the coffin of the town centre and add to traffic problems at the end of Park Road. It was not in the interests of the town.

This site was allocated for B1/B2 use in the Neighbourhood Plan, yet Faringdon Council did not oppose the planning application for retail...

Name supplied

Footfall in Faringdon - 5/2/17

So many things affect footfall. In the 1970s, when supermarket businesses began, and peoples shopping habits changed, Faringdon's population has more than doubled,

A higher population doesn't seem to have helped the small business- I guess because more people work (probably out of town), greater car ownership, more difficulty parking, seemingly a reluctance to walk far, the desire and now habit of doing all food shopping in one place and at pretty much at any time of the day or night, online shopping - and probably more. It is a mystery to me though how some shops still thrive. I guess not all can be destination/niche shops. Very hard to be a small retail outlet in todays world.

Name Supplied

For Trevor formerly of the Nut Tree - 5/2/17

From where I live near Goodlake Avenue area, there is an easy walk to the town and to Tesco, Screwfix and the other units on the industrial estate. Going tother way its a five minute walk to the Health Centre as that is easier than trying to park. Waitrose, no chance. Costa, never had one so shan't miss that.

Now if Waitrose was in the town as it should have been then the footfall would have been greater so more chance of businesses like yours was to thrive. The cost of rent, business rates and the other costs must be crippling for some of those in town. For a small town like Faringdon to thrive, it

needs a lot more help from local, regional and national government. No chance there then. Sorry to see a shop like yours close, but people are fickle and its their choice where they spend. Why hasn't this little town got free parking ALL day rather than 2 hours. After all that, wish you the best whatever you get up to next.

Colin Eddy

Petition to reduce starting age for bowel cancer screening- 5/2/17

To reduce screening age for bowel cancer from 60 to 50

<https://petition.parliament.uk/petitions/181670>

To Colin Eddy- 5/2/17

If the council had allowed Waitrose to come to town they would not have had to go to the outskirts pulling people from the town centre ,you talk about independents to suffer, we had a shop in town for 12 years it wasn't Waitrose fault it was the council allowing Tesco to develop on the edge of town.

Shop in these boutique shops,they need customers, to stay open. I had a shop in town for 12 year's, so please don't tell be about footfall .we would still be there if it was viable.

Trevor Wynn

Waitrose- 5/2/17

Why have they put a coffee machine in the centre of isle whilst people getting coffee 2 trollies can't move. Also coffee shop What a waste of space.

First day self check out one customer put items through back into basket then went off without paying. No staff to help folks. Nightmare.

Extended shop you get at a garage

First visit and not again

Back to tesco I went

Name supplied

Waitrose - 5/2/17

So glad Waitrose is in town. Budgens and Teacos, do people really shop there. Its about time this town got a decent shop or two.

Name Supplied

Re: Waitrose! Who needs it?- 5/2/17

I do! It's about choice and I object to being described as posh just because I like to go to Waitrose as well as Budgens and Tesco!

Name supplied

FARINGDON DRAMATIC SOCIETY ARE YOU INTERESTED IN ACTING?- 5/2/17

Our next planned production will be 'My Friend Miss Flint' - a comedy by Donald Churchill and Peter Yeldham.

READING of the play on THURSDAY 9th February.

AUDITIONS on THURSDAY 16th February.

Both held at the United Church Faringdon between 8:00 and 10:00pm.

We are seeking a cast of 6 - ideally 3 male and 3 female.It's a funny play and will be great fun to do.

The performances will be at Buscot House Theatre on: Wed 10th, Thurs 11th, Fri 12th & Sat 13th MAY 2017.

Rehearsals will start on Monday 27th February and are every Monday & Thursday evening through March & April into early MAY.We'd love to see you at the read through & auditions.

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

Waitrose! Who needs it? - 4/2/17

We have Budgens, Costcutter and of course Tesco. Don't really need this out of town store for those too posh to shop in our Town stores. Enough empty stores in town already and cannot see those going to this "upmarket" corner shop coming INTO town to spend on our boutique shops. Just means the traffic on Park Road will get even worse.

Colin Eddy

High Court grants permission for Judicial Review.- 4/2/17

Mrs Justice Lang DBE has ruled that my application for Judicial Review "merits full consideration" in the High Court. My claim challenges the Vale of White Horse District Council's decision to adopt Faringdon Neighbourhood Plan, on the grounds that the Plan fails to meet the Basic Conditions.

For the latest update on the campaign to Protect Wicklesham Quarry from Development, click on the link. <https://www.change.org/p/faringdon-town-council-the-vale-of-white-horse-district-council-and-secretary-of-state-sajiv-javid-protect-wicklesham-quarry-from-development/u/19279412>

Anna Hoare

Waitrose - 3/2/17

Lovely to see Waitrose open yesterday. With regard to the vouchers & offers, it was refreshing to leave a supermarket without additional paper vouchers, which usually just end up as rubbish! Plenty of shelf offers for customers to choose from.

Name supplied

Re. - Waitrose.- 3/2/17

Popped along around 11am. Car park was full. Cars queued up. We drove round for ten minutes, still couldn't park, so left. Hopefully it will be a bit quieter next time we visit, although the Aldi car park looks fairly small.

Regards mark

Waitrose parking - 2/2/17

It was nice of the Waitrose management to tell their staff to park on the road outside Folly Park this morning.

Paul Mowat

Re Waitrose: - 2/2/17

On a whim I stopped by the opening at 7 as just about to drive past. There was not a huge turnout but then it was an odd time and day to open as people have work and other things to get to. I was impressed with the layout and decor but a little disappointed there was no vouchers, offers or giveaways like Tesco had done when they opened. I guess if you are in the market for blagging handouts you are not posh enough to shop at Waitrose. Roll on Aldi ;)

Name Supplied

Waitrose, Aldi - 2/2/17

Waitrose opens today and Aldi on March 3rd

Wicklesham Quarry - Update- 2/2/17

For the latest news on the campaign to Protect Wicklesham Quarry from Development, click on the link below. In response to the application for Judicial Review of the Vale's decision to adopt Faringdon Neighbourhood Plan, the District Council's lawyer's have stated that the policy to 'safeguard' Wicklesham Quarry for B2/ B8 industrial use could not take effect for six years- after the Restoration and 5 year Aftercare Scheme have taken place.

Oxfordshire County Council has served Grundon Ltd with a Breach of Conditions Notice for failing to restore Wicklesham Quarry. The new deadline is 30th June 2017. Damage to the ponds that must be preserved as Priority Habitat under the Restoration Scheme is currently under investigation as wildlife crime.

Please send any questions or comments to protectwicklesham@gmail.com.

<https://www.change.org/p/faringdon-town-council-the-vale-of-white-horse-district-council-and-secretary-of-state-sajiv-javid-protect-wicklesham-quarry-from-development/u/19240451>

Anna Hoare

News and Views March 2017

Town Meeting Monday 10th April- 31/3/17

Corn Exchange 7.30 pm

Come and hear about Town Council activities and from other groups in the town.

There's opportunity to have your say

Agenda and minutes of last meeting can be found on <http://faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk/notice-town-meeting-10th-april-2017/>

Everyone welcome

CVS Service. - 31/3/17

I used to use Second2None for vehicle servicing but now use CVS around by Howdens on the same road as Travis Perkins.

I changed cars to a VAG group car and David at CVS is VAG trained. My wife had a bad experience at Second2None when a wheel wasn't fully tightened up after some work.

All 5 of the cars that used to go to Bob now go to David and he is a lot cheaper and more importantly does a good job.

Had a problem with my lights the other day and even though he was busy it was done. Last week another problem and again no problem even though he is on his own at the moment. CVS do a good job and cheaper.

Just thought I would give it some balance.

Colin Eddy

Recommended Computer Services from Raoul at Quidne -IT- 31/3/17

Both I and my computer are well past our 'Best before Dates' but as I constantly tell my wife that is no reason to get rid of either of us.

Unfortunately my old favourites Vista and Windows Mail have had their day so Raoul (Quidne-It) replaced them with Windows 7 and Windows Live Mail . Splendid job !

I won't mention the charge because I suspect there is a special rather low 'Pathetic Pensioner ' price. Raoul can be contacted on 0845 4675087 or Raoul@quidne-it.com

Name Supplied

Free Compost Giveaway- 30/3/17

Come and join us to fill your box, bag or container with locally produced compost for free – and don't forget your shovel.

A maximum of 4 containers per person will be applied.

- Saturday 13 May 9.00am – 11.00am Old South Oxfordshire District Council Car Park, Benson Lane, Crowmarsh Gifford OX10 8ED
- Sunday 14 May 9.00am – 11.00am Rye Farm Car Park, Culham Road, Abingdon OX14 3NN

Pick up Kitchen caddies and liners

50% of Compost bins- now £10

Free recycling goodies

Who's kidding who?- 29/3/17

Yesterday I filled my car with diesel in Carterton at £1 14p per litre.

The same fuel costs £1 28p at the garage in Faringdon.

14 pence a litre dearer, That's why people shop etc out of Faringdon town.You would have to be daft not to.

Name supplied

Sunday 2nd July 2017 BUSCOT RUN - 5k & 10k- 28/3/17

The annual Buscot Run organised by Faringdon Rotary will take place this year on Sunday 2nd July in the beautiful setting of Buscot Park whilst the park is closed by kind permission of Lord Faringdon. Run over 5k and 10k the course has been accurately measured using GPS and runs right past the front door of Buscot House, through formal parkland, woods and around open fields on a mix of gravel and tarmac. Water stations will be at strategic locations.

The 5k race will start at 9.30am and the 10k at 10.30am. Whether you're a serious runner or just jog for enjoyment, if you would like to enrol for either race, you can register with PayPal on our

website: www.faringdonrotaryclub.co.uk For further details call Roddy Benson 01367 243864. All proceeds go to our charity projects, most of which are local.

Second 2 None to the Rescue...again - 26/3/17

I am very disabled so a punctured tyre was much more than the minor irritation it would be to someone without my problems..

I sent for the RAC, they fitted the spare and drove the car to Second 2 None in Park Road. So thank you RAC splendid service.

The puncture was repaired and the wheel refitted. The car was then returned to me. Terrific service as usual from Bob and his team and the cost was, to say the least, very reasonable.

Their number 01367 243567

Name Supplied

Retirement of Joy Blake Organist at All Saints Church - 24/3/17

After 40 years voluntary service as organist at All Saints Joy is to retire. Her last service is 23rd April. Please can any choir members passed or present join in this last service.

With her retirement the Choir is also being disbanded. No more robed singers tradition gone

In's it place a New group is being formed.

Tradition also gone from the church is Christingle service. The children and Adults loved this service.

New service sheets service shorter

Don't need bibles or hymn books. All screens and paper

Name supplied

GP APPOINTMENTS- 24/3/17

I agree with everything the previous post said about the new system of GP appointments. I also contacted the surgery and have got an appointment with my chosen doctor on a day and time that suited me. It certainly works for me anyway.

Suzy

Wicklesham fossils- 24/3/17

I've only just seen in the Oxford Times that there is to be an exhibition of Wicklesham fossils in the Old Town Hall tomorrow morning.

Oxfordshire Geology Trust's

Fossil event in the Old Town Hall on 10.30 am to 12.30 pm

Mary Beck

Better Oxfordshire unitary bid officially submitted to government- 24/3/17

This is a significant moment for the communities of Oxfordshire

You can see details on our website by clicking [this link](#)

Fernham Fields - 23/3/17

The ironically named Faringdon Fields, which is a field being buried under buildings, roads and tarmac. I realise that planning permission has been granted however I am concerned to see that the hedges are currently being destroyed. Why do the hedges have to be destroyed and are they entitled to do this?

Joan Morris

Sunday 9th April- 23/3/17

Five bell ringers from All Saints Faringdon gave their lives for King and Country in the First World War.

Before the Churches Together in Faringdon united service the ringers will attempt a quarter peal in honour of the Richings brothers 100 years after the death of Percy on HMS Azelea, off Crete on 7th April 1917. His younger brother Frederick had died in hospital on 12th February 1915.

We hope those hearing the bells between 5.30 and 6.30 will remember with gratitude the Richings and their family.

Jon Chamberlain

Court dates set for full hearing: Wicklesham's test case for localism.- 23/3/17

The Judicial Review of Faringdon Neighbourhood Plan will take place on 14th and 15th June 2017 in the High Court. Our case raises issues that so far have not been tested by the courts. The planning system should ensure

Wicklesham Quarry SSSI very high levels of protection:

* it is a Site of Special Scientific Interest of international importance;

* it lies outside the urban settlement of Faringdon in open countryside, in the National Character Area of the Midvale Ridge;

* it hosts UK Biodiversity Action Plan Habitat and European Protected Species;

* it forms part of West Oxfordshire Heights Conservation Target Area, an ecological network of habitats and species identified for protection and restoration under Oxfordshire's Biodiversity Action Plan.

* It has planning conditions that require its restoration to agricultural use, in accordance with its surroundings.

For all these reasons, it is the very last place a responsible local authority would choose to put an industrial estate! Wicklesham Quarry is now a test case for the Localism Act.

For the recent update follow the link: www.change.org/p/faringdon-town-council-the-vale-of-white-horse-district-council-and-secretary-of-state-sajiv-javid-protect-wicklesham-quarry-from-development/u/19740743

sELFie Doors Project - 22/3/17

The Pump House Project, Faringdon, Oxfordshire is inviting the whole community and surrounding towns and villages to take part in an extraordinary event, to turn Faringdon into a place of sparkle and wonder by creating their very own family focussed Elf or Fairy door. The examples above have been submitted by our very keen volunteers!

All the sELFie Doors will magically re-appear during the Faringdon summer music festival 'Folly Fest' 28-30 July; and form The sELFie Door Trail throughout the town, through the woods and up the iconic Folly Tower. Everyone is invited to find and follow the trail to see what the Elves and Fairies have been up to! There will be themed craft workshops on the day of the launch and celebrations will end at the Elf and Fairy Dance.

The project so far: Our template doors went on sale in March and are selling out almost as fast as we can make them. For those in need of a little inspiration or practical help to make their sELFie Door we are running community craft DIY workshops in May and June. Flyers have been distributed around the town and many local group, schools and businesses are getting stuck in.

Our main event, The sELFie Door Trail will be a mass installation of tiny elf and fairy doors throughout the town, through the woods and up the iconic Folly Tower, to be launched at 'Folly Fest' 28-30 July. Fairy and Elf performers will feature throughout the day and will guide visitors on their exploration of the magical world that has been created. Then its back to the Pump House for the Elf and Fairy Dance! For interviews: Contact Lucy Brown, Project Co-ordinator on 07900 800657 or email info@thepumphouseproject.co.uk

For more details visit www.thepumphouseproject.co.uk The Pump House Project, The Pump House Swan Lane, Faringdon, SN7 7AF

Folly Fest: Faringdon annual summer music festival, 28-30 July, 2017. www.follyfest.co.uk

For details of current event and updates on sELFie Doors please follow our page www.facebook.com/ThePumpHouseProject

Supported by: The project has been generously supported by Tesco and Howdens Joinery, Faringdon.

All proceeds support The Pump House Project Charity (Number 1151905)

GP appointments - 22/3/17

For the first time in aeons I needed to make a non-urgent appointment with a GP, so had to use the new triage system. I did this with some trepidation due to all the negative comments on this site. The phone was answered immediately, I gave very vague symptoms to the receptionist (if you politely told them would rather not share this info with them, I suspect this would probably be fine) and within 1.5 hours I was chatting to a doctor. They agreed I needed to be checked out 'in the flesh' and have booked me in for Friday with my preferred GP. Considering the last time I attempted to book an appointment the earliest I could be seen was over 10 days away it seems that this new system is a considerable improvement.

Anyone who believes that before this was brought in they would be able to see their chosen GP for a non-urgent appointment within 72 hours is deluding themselves. And if this system keeps more urgent appointments free, surely that's a good thing?

Faringdon has had a population explosion and the GP surgery (like the schools, roads etc) is struggling to cope. This seems like a sensible and workable solution - and one that's been in place at my parent's GP in Birmingham for over a year. It is certainly not peculiar to Faringdon.

Generally speaking, people fear change, but lambasting the doctors for trying to find a solution (the old system most definitely was not working) will not help. We should all give ourselves a bit of time to get used to it and thank our lucky stars that we still have a free GP service.

From my experience, it seems to work fine but then I generally prefer not to have to see my GP at all!

Name supplied

Re Council Tax 2017/2018 - 21/3/17

Having phoned Capita who handle the Council Tax for VOWH and then the Finance Department it seems that the calculation of the percentage change in the element for social care (the subject of the comment on 16 March) has to be presented in this form as a result of Government legislation, even though the true percentage change for this element from 2016-2017 is not 3% but around 155%. It's a 2% levy in 2016-2017 and an additional 3% in 2017-2018.

We are referred in the VOWH Council Tax Bill to the County Council website for an explanation but as of 21 March their explanation leaflet was apparently still in preparation, even though the bills are out.

Name supplied

RE: Medical Centre - 21/3/17

While the triage system is the preferred system for the GP's, giving them total control over patient access to health care. It actually frustrates many patients who would like to have a choice of appointments that meet their needs. Not everyone wishes to inform the receptionist of their symptoms at point of booking a triage, discuss them in front of colleagues at work or family members at home over the phone.

I hope the medical centre re-thinks & finds a way to offer a choice for the public it serves.

Name Supplied

Another recommendation for Adrian Davey- 20/3/17

For the last two years my 12foot high hedge has been sadly neglected so seeing Mary Beck's praise for Adrian Davey I asked him to give me an estimate for the TLC it really needed. A cold calling chap had already offered to do the job....I declined his offer. Adrian's estimate was 50% less than the cold calling chap's and it was completed this morning in torrential rain. The cost was 25% less than the estimate and I am delighted with the result and the price. So if you have a landscaping or gardening job contact Adrian Davey on 0747 005 6871.or Email:-

: mail@watercraftmanagement.com . I don't think you'll be disappointed

HGM

Faringdon Greetings Cards on Sale at the Tourist Information office - 18/3/17

See them on <http://www.thorntonsbooks.co.uk/Faringdon%20Postcards.html>

Boogie Me Gig - 17/3/17

Boogie Me are playing a rare local gig at The Pump House Project in Swan Lane on Saturday 1st April 2017, 8pm. Admission £5 (and bring your dancing shoes!).

Pay on the door

Proceeds to "The Pump House Project" and "Target Ovarian Cancer"

Car Parking- 17/3/17

Does anybody know who owns this car? It's been parked right across the pavement on Fernham Road. There is no dropped kerb there and even if there was I don't think people, wheelchairs, buggies should have to be in the road.

There is no pavement on the other side of the road anyway.

The road is wide enough for it to have parked there so why it is up on the path I don't know.

There is no space on the path at all for anybody to squeeze by.

I understand this sort of incident can be reported on the 101 non emergency number or online. I haven't done that but if I see the same car there again I won't hesitate.

Please tell the owner if you know him/her, although to be honest I doubt they'll worry if they feel it's ok to park like this in the first place.

Name Supplied.

Re: Medical Centre- 17/3/17

Just wanted to say in London you have an app for your GP and you can see instantly who is available when (no receptionist needed).

And you can get a checkup within 7 days. this is in London one of the most crowded places in the UK.

I do hope the GP sorts things out soon especially now they own the whole building (The one in London is smaller than Faringdon's too). As it seems crazy that they can't cope with a small town when their are practices in London who are coping just fine.

James Campbell

FOLLY TOWER GETS BOOST FROM TESCO FARINGDON STORE- 16/3/17

A charity which runs and maintains Faringdon's iconic Folly Tower is to benefit from a £500 donation and ongoing support from the town's Tesco store.

Faringdon Folly Tower Trust visited the store on Park Road to receive the cheque, which will be used to fund the repainting of the tower's Belvedere Room and to buy flowers for the grounds.

Several colleagues from Tesco will also be involved in a spring clean in the woodland surrounding the tower.

This unique 100ft tower is Faringdon's icon and is hailed **as Britain's finest 20th century Folly Tower and one of the most important follies in Britain.**

It is run by a charity and volunteers and is open from April to October, getting nearly 3,000 visitors each year.

The Tesco store is supporting the charity as part of its commitment to help local community groups and good causes and the support has been co-ordinated by store community champion Trevor Nye.

Store Manager Guy Bexon said: "Everyone in Faringdon knows Folly Tower and most people have spent a fun day out at the tower, the work the Trust does to repair and maintain it is greatly appreciated. We wanted to show our thanks by helping out and contributing in this way."

Eddie Williams, chair of the friends of the Folly Tower, said: "We're delighted to receive this donation from Tesco.

"The Folly Tower maintains the spirit of the great eccentric, Lord Berners, and the 4 acres of woodland are the only accessible parkland for people locally to walk in

"We don't receive any funding so every penny we have to raise by hiring the rooms and securing grants."

Council Tax 2017/2018 - 16/3/17

The County Council precept to fund adult social care for our property has risen from £41 to £105. This is shown as an increase of 3%. Did I miss too many maths lessons when I was at school?

David Hughes

The coffee shop - 15/3/17

I was at the last event at the Lebanese Restaurant and they told me that it is being replaced by a Greek restaurant
Name Supplied

New housing and restaurants - 14/3/17

Whilst I have no problem with the new developments being built around the outskirts of the town I am slightly concerned how this is going to impact Faringdon itself. Are the schools going to be able to cope with the influx of children?

Also the Thai restaurant has closed, and the Lebanese is closing...I was wondering if the council could approach a chain restaurant such as pizza express or something similar which would provide a good family restaurant; of which there will surely be a demand for. Other than Sudbury house which is expensive the only other restaurant is la bobina which we love but is always packed! Otherwise the town only really has pub food.

Many thanks.

Kate Norgrove

Senior Citizens' Party- 14/3/17

The Faringdon & District Rotary Club annual Senior Citizens' Party will take place this year on Saturday 8th April at Faringdon Community College.

We will be delivering invitations in good time as usual to all those on our list and transport will be provided for those who need it. Numbers are limited by venue capacity so if you know of a family member, neighbour or friend who is not on the list and would like to attend, please, as soon as possible, contact Sandra Langford 01367 242456 or Sue Hatton on 01367 240458

Information about Drs appointments - 14/03/17

The White Horse Medical Practice is doing everything it can to cope with the increased volume of requests for appointments. To help us sustain a safe, caring and responsive service for our patients we have introduced a patient centred triage or assessment system.

'Triage' simply means that we screen patients to decide how urgently they need to be seen. Some may need to be seen very urgently – within just a few minutes – while others may quite safely wait, either to see a doctor of their choice, or to book an appointment that fits with their week's schedule.

Telephone triage was recently introduced to achieve this and has already been found to work well, by both patients and staff. Every patient ringing for a doctor's appointment will be called back promptly by one of the GPs or a nurse practitioner who will assess the level of urgency of their problem. It is important that patients keep their mobile phones with them and switched on, so that the clinician can contact them easily. If you are at work and can only be called back in your lunch break, please ask; this can be arranged.

We can see patients almost immediately if their problem is so urgent it would be unsafe to wait. Most patients will be seen within a few days. If a patient prefers to wait for a specific GP or to book a future appointment this can be done too; up to a month ahead following discussion with a GP. The system allows for continuity of care, so that if you need to see the same GP for the same medical problem, this can be arranged.

We are not blocking appointments, we are simply making sure that all patients are booked with the appropriate level of urgency or need to see the clinician best able to meet their current problem.

The appointment process is more complex now that traditional GP work is carried out by other professionals such as opticians, nurses, pharmacists and physiotherapists. By making the first, and every conversation with our patients count, triage ensures that each of them will be seen by the right clinician first time, regardless of whether the appointment request is routine or urgent.

This system has reduced the waiting time for routine appointments from over three weeks to under one week and many patients now have their need dealt with on the same day that they contact us. This has also helped to reduce the number of non-attendances at the surgery.

We appreciate that this is a new process: we are continually reviewing its effectiveness and welcome feedback both positive and negative.

There is a national initiative to move to more telephone work and more triaging of appointments, so we are not alone in this approach, even if other local practices have different systems.

The White Horse Medical Practice

Morris Dancing with a difference!- 13/3/17

Armaleggan Border Morris will be performing in Faringdon town square on Saturday 18th March, 7.30pm, to celebrate the upcoming spring equinox when day and night are equal as winter finally turns to spring. Join us for music, stick bashing, beer and song.

Please share with those you think may be interested, the more the merrier - particularly when we get to the joining in dances when everyone can have a go and experience the magic of the morris!

Mo Millar

Local Plan Part 2 - 10/3/17

<http://www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/news/2017/2017-03/residents-invited-comment-vale-white-horse-local-plan-part-two>

Hedge ripped out!- 9/3/17

It is bad enough having hundreds more houses being built on Faringdon's green spaces, but I noticed today that about 80 metres of hedgerow have been ripped out on the western side of Coxwell Road, on a site that is now owned I believe by Belway Homes.

Name supplied

Neighbourhood policing alert - 9/3/17

Road Safety, Aggravated burglary, Faringdon, Assault, Rural crime

[See this News letter](#)

Tonight: Folly Tower and Woodland Annual Meeting Thursday 9th March- 9/3/17

The Quad, 7pm

You are all warmly invited to the Folly Meeting on Thursday, 9th March at the Quad. We had a fabulous turnout last year and are looking forward to welcoming new and old friends alike this year. The meeting is an important opportunity for us to get together and celebrate the successes of last year and build on them for the 2017 season. Come along simply to listen and share successes with fellow volunteers, to bring ideas for future development.

www.faringdonfolly.org.uk

New street Cleaner - 9/3/17

I've just had a chat with Mick, our new (Biffa) street cleaner. Very cheery chap and sounds as if he'll do a good job.

Let's all welcome him/show appreciation

Ed

£5 for a months swimming over 60s - 9/3/17

<http://www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/news/2017/2017-03/over-60s-can-swim-whole-month-just-%C2%A35>

Double Yellow lines - 9/3/17

Double yellow lines on the Highworth road and London street are totally ignored why?

It seems that the only place in Faringdon to get a ticket is in one of the car parks.

Robin Ashdown

A420 survey- 8/3/17

Many congratulations to the men surveying the A420 near Longworth. Safe, professional and minimum inconvenience to motorists. Well done

Peter Lawson-Smith

Lost Keys- 8/3/17

I have lost some keys at tuckers park or marines drive . Please can you post to see if anyone has found them.

Mandy Gordon

Garden help - 7/3/17

I have just found a gem called Adrian Davey (mail@watercraftmanagement.com). He installed my new pond pump but he also does landscaping, gardening etc.

A very nice man.

Mary Beck

TESCO FARINGDON ANNOUNCES 12-MONTHS OF SUPPORT FOR THE PUMP HOUSE PROJECT- 7/3/17

A charity which provides a host of activities and help for the people of Faringdon is benefiting from a range of support from the town's Tesco store.

The Pump House Project is a registered charity which relies on fundraising and donations to sustain its work with the

local community. Around 450 people take part in its clubs and activities each week.

The Tesco store on Park Road is supporting the charity on Swan Lane as part of its commitment to help local community groups and good causes.

Martyn Webb, Services Manager, Terry Brownsey, Fresh Food Manager and Trevor Nye, Community Champion presented the charity with a cheque for £500 to help fund the activities provided at the project

The store is providing healthy snacks and drinks for the twice monthly Under 5s Disco Dots sessions for the next 12 months. Disco dots is a fun and active way to start your week ,for information on disco dots and other activities at The Pump House Project www.thepumphouseproject.co.uk .

Tesco also supported a community tea party held at The Pump House Project by providing the food and refreshments.

Store Manager Guy Bexon said: "We have a commitment to support local charities and groups and we are delighted to be able to help The Pump House Project. We have been incredibly impressed with the work the project does and its role at the very heart of the community, supporting local people of all ages and abilities."

Lou Smith Project Manager for The Pump House Project said: "We are exceptionally grateful for the amount of support and generosity that Tesco is giving to The Pump House Project. "I have always liked the ethos of 'every little helps' and in our particular case that couldn't be more true."

Tesco Ltd

Lost brooch - 7/3/17

Lost- a small bow shaped marcasite brooch on my way walking from Beech Close to the town on Friday 3rd March. Although not valuable I would be most grateful if anyone finding it would contact this website.

Name supplied.

Money for groups and charities - 7/3/17

Faringdon & District Rotary Club have money to give away to local groups, fundraisers and charities. If you think we may be able to help your group, or your charity work, then please visit our web page for an application form for our up coming Dragons Den: <http://rotary-ribi.org/clubs/homepage.php?ClubID=535>

Please share with others who you think may benefit.

Community Litter Pick - 6/3/17

Great turnout yesterday, despite the weather. 30 ish people I think. Faringdon Town Council's pickup truck was full by the end of the afternoon. You can see some pictures

on <https://www.facebook.com/search/top/?q=faringdon%20town%20council%20%26%20information%20centre>

Great that FTC organised this and so many people helped. Wouldn't it be good if having litter free streets and roads deterred people from dropping litter/throwing it out of car windows.

Ed

Pump House Project (TPHP) - 6/3/17

Read the [Spring Newsletter](#) and find out what has been going on at TPHP. A wide range of activities for children, parents, adults, from singing, dancing, crafts, Citizens advice. What a great place.

Spring Flowers for the Folly- 5/3/17

Someone kindly responded to my request for aconites(thankyou)- they've now been planted at the Folly. There is plenty of room for more- snowdrops as well, so if you've a few clumps you are willing to give us, that would be great. We've bought woodland spring bulbs in the past, but they take years to form clumps and therefore a good show.

More mature clumps will create a good show next year

Thanks

Gene Webb

AmEgos Theatre presents Sweeney Todd - 4/3/17

Wednesday 5th April to Saturday 8th April

King Alfred's Academy Theatre, Portway, Wantage, OX12 8BY

Tickets are £12

The victim of an injustice that robbed him of his wife and child, Sweeney Todd exacts a terrible revenge on society... disposing of his customers in a truly gruesome way, aided and abetted by his landlady, Mrs Lovett.

First seen in London in 1980 this dark, bitter, comic musical has been revived many times and always thrills the audiences.

Get your tickets now. Sweeney's waiting...

For more information please visit www.amegostheatre.com

Organisational changes to Oxfordshire Councils. One Oxfordshire - 4/3/17

Councils agree proposal for A new council for a Better Oxfordshire

A new proposal for better local government for Oxfordshire is published today offering real power and influence to every local community

You can see details on our website by clicking [this link](#)

NOTIFICATION OF A PRIVATE FIREWORK DISPLAY @ SUDBURY HOUSE- 3/3/17

Please be aware that there will be a private four minute firework display at 20.30 on Saturday 4th March @ Sudbury House as part of a wedding celebration.

Do you want to see how the new 12-sided £1 coin is made?- 3/3/17

Join the Bowls Club on day out to the Royal Mint Experience in Cardiff

Friday 17th March

Depart Faringdon 9.00am. Return approx 6.00pm. £30 per person

* Executive coach transport

* Restaurant serving hot & cold food

Bookings: Sue Martin 01285 851300 or sue.martin@waitrose.com

(please note: this is a non-profit making trip so cancellations can only be refunded if your place is re-sold)

There has been a recent rise of prank calls within Thames Valley. - 3/3/17

The calls are pre-recorded generated responses giving the impression that recipients are actually speaking directly to someone.

The calls are not all the same. However one of the main scenarios has been described as an angry Scottish man claiming you are stealing his Wi-Fi.

Sometimes there is a mobile phone number showing and other times the number is withheld.

It appears that these calls are predominantly targeting elderly and young people and can cause alarm and distress to the call taker.

We urge people to take the following advice:

- Anyone with particular concerns can contact us on our Police non-emergency number 101. Otherwise ignore the call.
- You can contact your local phone provider who may be able to put a block on these types of calls.
- If you are getting calls at night you could put your phone on night mode or switch it off.

Thames Valley Police

Medical Practice- 2/3/17

As an older member of the community I am used to making an appointment and seeing the GP of my choice who knew me and my long term medical problems. It is strange not to be able to do this.

BUT since November I have had several problems that I needed to see a GP and having contacted the surgery I was called back within 2 hours and then saw a GP during the afternoon and treated. So this system does work for urgent problems and I suspect cuts out those who may abuse the system.

If you want an appointment you phone or call in, the receptionist will take details and the GP of your choice will call you back to make an appointment. Not ideal and not what we are used to.

Too many patients, with numbers due to increase with more houses being built. If your are unhappy contact your MP and local councillors. We should not have more residents without the infrastructure, schools roads and Medical practices.

Name supplied.

Re. Phone Scam.- 2/3/17

Yes, the "Windows Computer fault" is a very old scam that has been happening for quite a few years. My elderly father in-law was conned out of quite a sum of money about three or four years ago. We now have a fantastic BT phone that is set so it doesn't accept any overseas, 0800, number withheld, etc. phone calls. Our sometimes, 20 a day cold calling and scam calls has gone to zero. For those plagued by calls they don't wish to receive , I thoroughly recommend it.

Regards Grumpy Old Man

Phone scam? - 2/3/17

It might have just been a one off but this morning I had an 'out of area' phone call. The man on the other end wanted to 'talk to me about my windows computer'. He clearly wanted me to log on and no doubt would have preceded to ask me to give out personal or financial details. I told him I didn't have a windows computer (I do really!) at which point he hung up! .please warn any vulnerable or elderly people to ignore such calls to avoid being scammed.

Name Supplied

Re: Medical Centre - 1/3/17

A single appointment system does not suit all & certainly doesn't meet the needs of all. A symptom which may be troubling someone who works or has commitments could be left for longer than necessary simply due to the affects of an unmanageable appointment system on their everyday life. All surgeries have their fair number of patients with life style diseases & patients who abuse the system but they should be dealt with individually instead of inconveniencing all patients.

At present the appointment system is not fit for purpose.

Name supplied

Faringdon Folly Tower and Woodland Meeting on 9th March - 1/3/17

6.45pm for 7pm in the Quad Tea and Coffee Rooms (Old Barclays Bank, next to the Bell Hotel)

Please join us to hear about the excellent progress we made last year, and hear about our exciting plans for this year as we prepare to open the Tower again starting on Sunday 2nd of April, 11.00am till 5.00pm, then 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month till end of October.

Eddie Williams

Medical Centre - 1/3/17

On the face of it, the appointments situation for White Horse Medical Practice does seem poor. I note that "The Practice was recently inspected by the Care Quality Commission and received a rating of good, which is an excellent result" That CQC inspection was over a year ago. (24th Feb 2016)

This is reproduced from the current WHMP web site:

"APPOINTMENTS

Owing to a huge increase in demand over the previous few weeks, combined with one of our GP's being absent due to illness, the wait for a routine appointment is more than three weeks. The number of patients on our triage call back list has risen to over 150 per day on most days. In order to try to return to a wait of about a week for an appointment and to ensure that those patients requiring more urgent medical help are seen, we will not be booking any further routine GP appointments."

Hearsay suggests that the lack of appointments was supposed to continue until mid January – now it is the end of February. I cannot be alone in wondering why Faringdon has seen such an unprecedented increase in the demand for appointments when in the surrounding area there seems less of a problem. Are we in the grip of some localised epidemic, or a population explosion; maybe we have the most demanding patients in the locality. Or does our local practice not have adequate insurance for locum/extra staff cover in the event of a doctor's extended illness? While having every sympathy for our medical practitioners' woes, the present arrangement is hardly fair to their patients.

Friends from Abingdon and Oxford don't appear to be experiencing such problems.

Look on any practice website for the surrounding villages and you will see how we compare:

Lechlade - appointments normally be made on the same of following day, or booked up to 6 wks in advance.

<http://www.lechlademedicalcentre.co.uk/making-appointments.aspx>

Burford - Routine appointments (15 minute consultations) available <http://www.burfordurgery.co.uk/>

Elm Tree Surgery Shrivenham - routine appointments available <http://www.elmtreesurgery.co.uk/making-appointments.aspx>

Church Street Wantage - routine appointments available <http://wantagechurchstreet.co.uk/>

Bampton Medical Practice - routine appointments available <http://www.bamptonmedicalpractice.co.uk/>

name supplied

Tesco Community - 1/3/17

As Gene Webb has said earlier I have taken over the role of Charity coordinator with Tesco Faringdon. If anyone would like to chat with me please do. A good day is Monday when I work 10.00 till 19.00.

I will be posting a couple of Community work Tesco has done over the last month.

Trevor Nye

DROPs campaign - 29/4/17

Up and down the country waste collection crews witness thousands of incidents of reckless driving every month, which put them and other members of the public in danger.

These often include drivers mounting kerbs and driving on pavements in a rush to get to work, often when children are walking to school. Our waste contractor Biffa is running a campaign known as **DROPs – Driving Recklessly on Pavements** – to raise awareness of this issue. Take a look at this video taken from Biffa vehicle CCTV footage!

The Biffa campaign includes planning routes to try and avoid making collections in busy areas at the worst times. They're also training drivers of waste collection vehicles to reduce any delays they might cause, but they're also using CCTV on vehicles to help catch offenders – Biffa are now working closely with the police to report dangerous drivers and have them prosecuted.

VWHDC

Child's pushchair found - 25/4/17

I noticed a child's pushchair by the old Tecronics site in Canada Lane. It was there at 11 30 when I walked by and still there at

5 30 when I returned. I have brought it home with me. If the owner can get in touch they can be reunited.

Ann 241566

GP Petition - 25/4/17

I and my fellow Liberal Democrat and County Councillor for Grove and Wantage, Jenny Hannaby, handed in the GP petition today with 721 signatures to the Oxfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group. The petition asks them to reconsider their decision to withdraw funding to expand the facilities as required to meet the demands of a growing population.

It shows the strength of feeling local residents have about protecting our GP surgery for the future and we would like to thank all those who signed for their support.

David Grant

Have you lost a Black cat- 24/4/17

This black cat is living in our garden and seems distressed and lost. Please contact us if this is your cat or if you know who it belongs to. We are very concerned about the cat. Sian Starr 07968 050686

Sub Rosa, Mediterranean Cafe.- 24/4/17

I see that sadly our new cafe is apparently for sale on

Rightmove: <http://www.rightmove.co.uk/s6p/65857310>

What's next for this apparent 'best' spot in town?

Name supplied

Cycle track plans at Badbury Clump - 24/4/17

<http://www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/java/support/Main.jsp?MODULE=ApplicationDetails&REF=P16/V1285/FUL#exactline>

Comments for and against from across the country. I think the consultation is still open

Ed

IN CONCERT - STEVE KNIGHTLEY - 23/4/17

Steve is the songwriting force behind Show of Hands, widely acclaimed as the finest acoustic roots duo in England. They've just played their 5th sold out show at the Royal Albert Hall but now Steve is back out on the road on his solo tour.

People will remember Steve from the two sold out shows that Show Of Hands did at the local 'Live At The Tithe' events.

In the duo he's been the winner of Best Live Act award at the 2004 BBC Radio 2 Folk Awards Best Duo and Best Original Song at the 2010 BBC Radio 2 Folk Awards.

His website for more info is <http://www.steveknightley.co.uk/>

The concert will be in the Corn Exchange on Friday May 19th. Tickets £18 are on sale from the Information Centre, The Pump House, Market Place tel 01367 240281 or from wegottickets.

For more info ring Val 07766077115. For tickets ring 01367 240281.

Tickets available now for Wicklesham Quarry fundraiser! - 18/4/17

Fundraising Supper and Auction of Lots

Saturday 6th May, little Coxwell Village Hall

7.00pm for 7.30pm

The campaign to Protect Wicklesham Quarry from Development is pleased to offer tickets at £10 per head.

Menu served with wine

- Shepherd's/ cottage pie / venison pie
- Vegetarian option
- Garden peas & green salad
- Bread basket and butter
- Fresh berry roulade
- Apple pie
- Baked cheesecake
- Tiramisu
- Strawberry gateau
- Bread & butter pudding
- Summer fruits pavlova

Sponsors include:

LushLooking Cakes, Faringdon – The Eagle Tavern, Little Coxwell –

The Bell Hotel, Faringdon - The Old Crown, Faringdon –

Viceroy Tandoori Restaurant, Faringdon – The Hare in the Woods –

Auction lots including:

Gastro-pub 3 course dinner - Luxury hamper - Sunday Roast Carvery meals - Hamper of drinks - Tractor ride with ploughman's lunch - Jewellery - Bee-keeping experience (suit

provided) - 6 bottles of prosecco - Meal for 4 with bottle of wine - Celebration iced fruit cake - Car service & valeting - Tour of designer gardens & afternoon tea for 8 people - Salon treatments - Wicklesham Quarry Fossil Cake - And more.....!!!!!!

Email: protectwicklesham@gmail.com for tickets

DONATIONS OF FURTHER LOTS ARE WARMLY INVITED!

Badbury Bluebells- 17/4/17

I gather the bluebells are out in Badbury woods - can't say the same for my garden!

Mary Beck

Adrian Davey Strikes Again - 15/4/17

After seeing recommendations for Adrian on this site I asked him to install a water tap in my back garden. When he came, I told him what I wanted but he said there was a better and cheaper way of doing it. He installed the solution two days later and saved me about £200 and the job only took about 20 minutes instead of a full day. I am delighted and will definitely call him again if there is something I cannot do outside. Contact him

on mail@watercraftmanagement.com

Mary Worrall

Town Meeting - 11/4/17

If you didn't manage to go to the Town Meeting last evening you can read the reports from various organisations(Police, Twinning, Youth, Citizens advice +++) in the town on the [Town Council website](#). So much has been done, and more is planned. A good read.

Ed

40 London St - 11/4/17

Hi can you help and give me any information on the cottage that used to be a butchers shop at number 40 London road I'm just in the process of buying the property and would very much like to know the history of the building ,

Many thanks

Karen Coote

Badbury Bluebells in flower? - 10/4/17

One of the highlights of our year is a visit to Badbury Clump to see the bluebells. Everything seems to be coming out very early this year. I wonder if you can tell me whether the bluebells are out yet?

Martin Down

Wanted- someone to mow a field - 10/4/17

Is there a farmer or gardener in the Pusey area that could mow a 2 acre field at all?

Chris Jewell

Dead Hero or Live Coward ?- 9/4/17

A bunch of thugs attack a man. Should I interfere ?

A policeman would be useful but no chance that there's one near

If I try to help him my life could end today.

So if I'm really sensible I'll simply walk away.

But I'll still have a future with many happy days

I'll be an upright citizen in many different ways

But every day my waking thought will stay with me all day.

Was I just a coward when I looked the other way

Name Supplied

Faringdon in Bloom 2017 - 9/4/17

Best Large garden

best small garden

best allotment

best basket / box

best business floral display

best junior miniature garden

Crafted Flower

winner of the winners

Judging July8th/9th

To Enter please pick up an entry form from Faringdon Town Council information centre, Pump House, Faringdon or visit www.faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk to download one

Tombola and Cake Stall - 6/4/17

During the morning of Friday the 12th May the White Horse Medical Practice is having a Tombola and Cake Sale. All proceeds to Great Ormond Street. Any donations of Cakes or Tombola Prizes before the day would be gratefully received and can be handed in at reception. Please contact Claire Harris 01367 718351/242388 for more information.

New bus timetable for the 66 - 6/4/17

There is now a 20-minute service in both directions for much of the day -good news!- but worth checking out the details if you are a frequent user. You might need to leave home a few minutes earlier than you used to.

[https://tiscon-maps-](https://tiscon-maps-stagecoachbus.s3.amazonaws.com/Timetables/West/66_Swindon_2_April_2017.pdf)

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Name supplied

New Bistro- Sub Rosa- 4/4/17

The refurbishment has been beautifully done. Yet to try the food.

4B Market Place SN7 7HL

Reservations: 01367 241574

info@subrosa.uk.com

Open: Tuesday - Wednesday- Thursday 9:00 a.m.- 7:00 p.m.

Friday - Saturday 9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Sunday 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Monday: CLOSED

Children playing - 4/4/17

Oh the joy of long evenings and working over 12 hours each days only to coming home to unattended kids playing dangerously in the roads, screaming outside your door, playing on your drive, thinking its fun to play knock a door run, kids looking after babies. What are the parents doing! Where is the consideration for people who have younger kids who are a sleep early or get up early. Is 20.30 too late for primary school kids to be out, that's 5 hours of play. There are plenty of parks and green spaces so go take your kids there and spend time with them

Name Supplied

Church Warden - 3/4/17

Thankyou to Andrew Sargent for his years of commitment to being church warden at All Saints church.

To Clare his wife for al her support to Andrew and All Saints Church.

Thankyou to you both

Dee England

Boogie-Me at The Pumphouse Project- 3/4/17

Thanks to everyone that came to our gig on Saturday to support The Pumphouse Project and "Target Ovarian Cancer". We raised over £600 (plus the cash buckets) split between the 2 charities. The Band thanks you all for supporting what was, for us, a fantastic night with over 120 people packed in.

Love you all, please come see us again, next opportunity probably at FollyFest.

Steve W and Boogie Me.

White Horse Practice Newsletter- 2/4/17

The Spring 2017 edition is now available on <http://www.whitehorsepracticeppg.org.uk/>

Find out about: Dementia awareness, Patient Group update, Getting Heard, New Partners, How to book Q&A,How to complain

Volunteer cars,Your Health Health check, Strokes advice,Contraception for 40+ yrs,Community Health.

Paper copies will be available from the Health Centre, the library, London St pharmacy+++ from 5/4/17

Gene Webb

Boogie Me at the Pump House- 2/4/17

Last evening- Another great event at the Pump House. Boogie Me are so wonderful.

Over 100 people.

In aid of ovarian cancer

Regent Cinema - 1/4/17

98 people watched Sully last evening in the Corn Exchange.

What an excellent initiative by the Town Council this is. Billy does a great job

Gene Webb

Concert at Buscot Park Theatre - 31/5/17

Come and hear live classical music at the enchanting Buscot Park Theatre. This Friday 2nd June, 7.30 pm, Gates open at 6 pm for picnics.

CORINIUM TRIO Horn, violin and piano trio

Programme Includes Brahms Horn Trio in E flat Major;

Schumann Adagio and Allegro for Horn and Piano

For full details see www.buscotconcerts.co.uk

check availability of tickets on info@buscotconcerts.co.uk

Sat 3rd June from 3.30 LIVE at The Wheatsheaf

LIVE The Epsom Derby 2017 (The Investec Derby)

The Greatest Flat Race in the World

One of the greatest race days and social occasions of the British summer calendar, Saturday 3rd June is an event not to be missed

The Derby is run over a distance of one mile and four furlongs. It is a Group 1 contest open to three-year-old colts and fillies.

DOGS MESS - LANSDOWN ROAD GARAGE AREA- 30/5/17

If we catch the person who is letting their dog mess in front of our garages without cleaning it up we will find out where you live and put all of our dogs mess through your letter box!

Name supplied

Noisy children - 27/5/17

What a glorious evening, nice to see school kids in the new estate out without parents swearing / shouting disturbing the neighbourhood.

Where's the consideration, it is nearly 21:00 some have young children who are in bed & cant sleep due to the disturbance.

Name Supplied

Breast Cancer Screening in Faringdon - 25/5/17

The mobile breast cancer unit is in the Medical Centre car park, and will be there until August. If you're over 50 and under 70 you should be invited to be screened every 3 years. If you're over 70 you need to ask for an appointment. Call 01865 235621 to make an appointment.

According to <http://www.cancerresearchuk.org/health-professional/cancer-statistics/statistics-by-cancer-type/breast-cancer#heading-Zero> 48% of women diagnosed with breast cancer are over 65. There is a clinical trial to investigate extending breast screening 60 ages 47-73

Ed

JUNIOR FOOTBALL TEAM NETS SPONSORSHIP FROM TESCO FARINGDON- 25/5/17

Junior footballers are taking to the pitch in brand new kit thanks to sponsorship from Faringdon's Tesco store.

Faringdon Town Football Club has been a part of the local sports scene for more than 100 years and is based a two-minute walk away from the Park Road store at Tucker Park.

The store has provided the club's Under 8s team with new kit for next season and rain jackets as part of its commitment to support local community groups and charities.

The team is currently in its first season and competes in the Oxford Mail Youth Football League.

Faringdon Town Football Club was officially founded in 1906 when it was accepted by the Berks & Bucks Football Association although it is believed that football was being played in the town as early as the late 1800s.

The club has ten youth teams and the clubhouse is used by the community during events at the park.

Martyn Webb, Services Manager of the Faringdon Tesco store, and community champion Alice Teasdale, visited the club to officially hand over the kit.

Store Manager Guy Bexon said: "Whilst we are dedicated and focused on serving our customers and enhancing their shopping experience in our store, we are also keen to engage with and help to support our local community.

"Faringdon Town Football Club does a tremendous amount to encourage youth football in the area and we are delighted to be able to support it in this way."

Faringdon Town Football Club Under 8s Coach Dan Watkin said: "We are extremely grateful to Tesco for its support. The players were all really excited about getting the new kit and I am sure they will enjoy playing in it."

[Photograph of a under 8s team](#)

Land to practice ploughing - 24/5/17

As the annual ploughing match approaches it is clear that my 'score' needs some work to improve. If anyone can offer a small patch of land for practice I would be grateful.

Ferguson TEF, with conventional 2 furrow plough looking for practice, close to Faringdon.

If you can help, please contact: Pat Hayton, 01367 244101.

WW2 spy at the Folly- 24/5/17

I have read that during WW2 a German spy was captured near the Folly.

I am trying to find out the date of capture, his name and what happened to him

Any help appreciated

The Mayor really did Rock- 21/5/17

Great music to dance to. A super evening. So lovely to dance to pop songs of my youth. Hope there'll be other similar events. Thanks To Mike the Mayor, Al Cane and Town Council staff
Gene Webb

The Mayor Rocks- 21/5/17

What a fantastic evening. To those who didn't join us you missed a treat. I made the biggest faux pas by falling off the stage. I missed how high up it is and there are no steps.
Councillor Jane Boulton

Follyfest Fancy Dress- 18/5/17

Follyfest this year is promoting fancy dress for both adults and kids on the Saturday (29th July) with the theme "Fairy Tales". We need teams of 6 people or more. Pick up an application form & rules at enquiries@follyfest.co.uk or from the pub or facebook.

Planning permission 5 houses on Fernham Road- 18/5/17

<http://www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/java/support/Main.jsp?MODULE=ApplicationDetails&REF=P17/V1242/O#exactline>

The Mayor Rocks the Place this Saturday - 17/5/17

A reminder that this Saturday, 20th May, 'The Mayor Rocks The Place' is happening at Faringdon's Corn Exchange. Doors open at 7 and close at 11pm. Music loving Mayor Mike Wise will be selecting great tunes from the 50s rock n roll, through to 60s pop and soul and into the 70s and early 80s. Bar open, teas and coffees available. Great sound, lights and projections too. Entrance just £2, and in aid of The Place, the new families and children's project happening soon at the Pump House Project. All ages welcome. Al Cane

Oxfordshire County Council- 16/5/17

Update following the local elections
<http://mailchi.mp/oxfordshire/youroxfordshire?e=5089a795b5>

Thames Valley Police Alert - 16/5/17

Great news for the Faringdon area after the Winners for the Community Policing Awards 2017 were announced on the 15th May.

PC Robert Maris from the Faringdon Neighbourhood Policing Team won the award for the ***Oxfordshire and Overall Community Police Officer 2017.***

Also, Andi Cunningham, the NAG 1 (Neighbourhood Action Group) Chair won the award for the ***Community Volunteer 2017. Thank you to the Faringdon and district community for showing your appreciation for their hard work.***

The awards, now in their sixteenth year, recognise the exceptional efforts of our policing teams, including, police officers, PCSOs, Special Constables and volunteers for the positive impact they have on the local community they serve. This year also introduced a new award, Community Volunteer of the Year, to showcase the work of voluntary roles within the community itself that are not directly linked to Policing but support the work of Thames Valley Police

Earlier in the year, nominations opened which gave members of the public, police officers and staff, and partnership colleagues the chance to nominate those members of Thames Valley Police who go above and beyond in helping with their community.

Jobs in Faringdon- 16/5/17

2 new jobs on on the [Jobs page](#)

Wicklesham CrowdJustice Appeal GOES LIVE in less than a week.- 16/5/17

For the latest update to the campaign to Protect Wicklesham Quarry from Development, follow the link: www.change.org/p/faringdon-town-council-the-vale-of-white-horse-district-council-and-secretary-of-state-sajiv-javid-protect-wicklesham-quarry-from-development/u/20263100

On 14-15 June the High Court will hold a Judicial Review of the Vale District council's decision to adopt Faringdon Neighbourhood Plan. To lend your support to this case, look out for the link to the CrowdJustice Appeal later this week. You can make a donation online through CrowdJustice, or direct to Wicklesham Community Fund. For details, email protectwicklesham@gmail.com

Anna Hoare

Steve Knightley Concert- 15/5/17

Still a few tickets left to see Steve Knightley, the award winning singer/songwriter known as one half of 'Show Of Hands'.

He'll be performing in the Corn Exchange on Friday May 19th.

Tickets from the Information Centre in the Pump House, Market Place tel 01367 240281 or

via <http://www.wegotickets.com/event/384048>

Val Sansford

Police Station - 15/5/17

To be sold no doubt for more houses or flats with inadequate parking.

Personally I'd like to see the area turned into a new car park. The town needs it. We want to encourage people to the town centre but quite often the car parks are full.

Name supplied

Builder wanted - 14/5/17

Can anyone recommend a reliable local builder? I need a small window to be cut in to a blank wall (first floor). Many thanks.
Tony Fox

Medical Practice Newsletter Spring 2017 - 14/5/17

This newsletter was issued end March/beginning of April. Maybe you haven't seen one yet. If not you can find it on <http://www.whitehorsepracticeppg.org.uk/news--your-views.html>. It has lots of useful information in it.

Ed

Faringdon Police Station to be sold - 11/5/17

U3a were told today that the Faringdon Neighbourhood team is to be reduced, and the police station is to be sold. Police will have space in the Fire Station from 2018.

We were told that Faringdon is a low crime area. Police work on protecting the vulnerable- children and old people. Hare coursing was also mentioned as well as a project to reduce illegal parking in Faringdon. Enforcement is just one of the activities to reduce illegal parking, others include working with local businesses and councils.

You can see the area covered by the Faringdon team and the reported crimes for March 2017 on <https://www.police.uk/thames-valley/N378/crime/>

Ed

Why & where CCTV- 11/5/17

Reduce the crime, have you seen Witneys crime rates in the centre & the analytics used as a result. Stops Faringdon being a soft target people driving in and out at will. Cases recently with break ins to cars/houses, drugs, the list goes on. Thames Valley Police rely upon the neighbourhood watch scheme and individuals phoning in. Most of the time individuals can't be bothered. Not surprised it was voted out the council are out of touch, have you seen the latest minutes and the spend on unnecessary items....just like the newly built supermarkets will bring people into the town. I think not. I'm going to the supermarket and back on the A420.

Faringdon is about to grow by a 3rd & we still don't need it.

Name Supplied

Re: CCTV - 11/5/17

Why? And where? I believe this has been proposed several times but voted as inappropriate.

Green Witch

Music at Buscot Park Theatre - 11/5/17

From June to September a series of five chamber music concerts has been arranged at the fabulous Buscot Park Theatre. Seating only 66, it is an intimate space and ideally suited to the purpose.

The aim of these events is to give the performers, all talented professional or semi-professional musicians, the opportunity of having an appreciative audience for some rarely performed works as well as better known pieces.

For a solo performer or small group to produce a 70-90 minute programme an immense amount of preparation and practice is required so I hope as many people as possible will support this venture.

Lord Faringdon is generously allowing the grounds to be used for picnics before each performance.

For full details of programmes and performers, and how to book tickets see: www.buscotconcerts.co.uk

email: info@buscotconcerts.co.uk

Hilary Taylor

CCTV - 10/5/17

When is Faringdon going to get CCTV, its about time this was in place.

Named Supplied

Look around faringdon.org- 10/5/17

I know most people check the News and Views page on this site pretty regularly. Do look at [Whats on Calendar](#) or the [Poster Notice Board](#) too- they might not have all the activities going on in Faringdon (I rely on people sending me event information) but I think it is the best there is.

There's also For Sale and Wanted, Jobs, Guest Book- all get updated when I'm sent suitable contributions.

Ed

YOUNG ARTIST GABE HAS TESCO BAG DESIGN COMPETITION ALL WRAPPED UP- 9/5/17

A young artist's picture promoting healthy eating is to be seen by thousands of shoppers after he won a bag design competition run by Faringdon's Tesco store.

Gabe O'Dell, 10, of Longcot and Fernham Church of England Primary School, Kings Lane, also won a fun, interactive and educational Junior Chefs' Academy workshop for his school and a £25 gift card for himself.

Children throughout the area were invited to enter the competition to draw a picture promoting healthy eating.

The winning poster, showing fruit and vegetables holding hands, has been transferred onto thousands of limited edition hessian bags which are being given away free in the Tesco store on Park Road.

Gabe's prize, and a hessian bag with his winning design, was presented to him by Guy Bexon, store manager of the Tesco store, and Community Champion Trevor Nye during a special school assembly.

The competition was organised by Tesco as part of its commitment to encourage healthy eating and community involvement.

Tesco Faringdon store manager Guy Bexon said: "Whilst we are dedicated and focused on serving our customers and enhancing their shopping experience in our Faringdon store, we are also keen to engage with and help to support our local community.

"We got a great response to the competition and we really loved Gabe's picture. The new bags look fantastic and has been well received by our customers."

Longcot and Fernham Church of England Primary School headteacher Mrs Claire Mellor said: "The children enjoyed entering the competition and are looking forward to the Junior Chefs' Academy workshop. We are very proud of Gabe for winning and would like to thank Tesco for inviting us to enter. Everyone loves the bags and staff, parents and pupils are looking forward to using them."

Junior Chefs' Academy is a leading provider of healthy eating workshops and food education events, helping children to develop an active interest in how food is produced and prepared.

Tesco

Faringdon School - 8/5/17

I live in Folly View Road, and I am very concerned with the increase of traffic the proposal would bring, it can be difficult to get out of Folly View Road at 8-30am and again at 3-00p.m. now, with this proposed 5 minute away dropping zone, I can only see total chaos in Folly View Road.

Of course the obvious answer to the problem is to put a roundabout on the Fernham junction of the bypass and open the far end of Fernham Road to it, I am aware the residents of Fernham Gate would not like this proposal, the answer to that is that you put bollards across Fernham Road just past the entrance to Fernham Gate. The buses then could just pull off the bypass, drop or pick up the children and continue their journey back onto the bypass, and the children then could just walk the few metres to and from the school.

But of course the powers of be would not like this common sense approach, giving the usual reasons like it would cost too much money or it would be too dangerous for the children, but I don't think so if you design the bus dropping zone properly. No, the powers of be would rather bring chaos to the junction of Fernham Road, Folly View Road and Coxwell Road and all the problems this would bring to the residents that live around those junctions.

Ray Wood. Folly View Road.

Faringdon Regent Cinema says thank you! - 6/5/17

We were overwhelmed with the turnout for our April Blockbuster, A United Kingdom, with 125 people coming along. What great support for community cinema!

Getting everyone seated quickly and comfortably is our priority for all screenings and we would appreciate it if, where possible, customers could buy tickets in advance from the Information Centre, Pump House, 5 Market Square or pay by phone 01367 240281. This enables us to do a bit of forward planning and also guarantees you will have a seat on the night.

Friday 26th May - Lion (PG) tickets are selling well so don't delay!

Faringdon Information Centre

Fundraising Auction Lots - 5/5/17

Absent bidders place your bids with the auctioneer by 4.00pm, Saturday 6th May!

You can find the list of auction lots by clicking on the link: <https://www.change.org/p/faringdon-town-council-the-vale-of-white-horse-district-council-and-secretary-of-state-sajiv-javid-protect-wicklesham-quarry-from-development/u/20188574>

You can bid on any item by email: protectwicklesham@gmail.com.

All bids must be placed by 4.00pm on Saturday 6th May to be entered into the auction.

Proceeds from the supper and auction will support the campaign to Protect Wicklesham Quarry from Development.

Tel. 01367 240255 for further details or to check last-minute ticket availability.

Anna Hoare

Faringdon School Expansion - 4/5/17

I notice an application has been made to increase the size of Faringdon School and feel residents in the area need to be made aware and have a chance to express any concerns.

I understand of course that the school needs to grow but there is currently a huge problem with the amount of traffic, parking and the problems buses have negotiating the turn to the school. The road and entrance wasn't designed with this size of school in mind when it was built all those years ago.

How many more buses and cars will this involve, they mention 300 more pupils so that will mean a lot more teachers and they will all require somewhere to park.

I can't see on the application that parking is included but I hope it is along with safer access for the buses.

It might also be an idea for the school to impose a 5 minute walk zone like many other schools do. It simply means that children are dropped off and walk a short distance to school rather than being dropped off on the doorstep which causes traffic chaos.

Name Supplied

Ed Application details on www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/java/support/Main.jsp?MODULE=ApplicationDetails&REF=P17/V0809/FUL

BOOGIE ME are returning to The Pump House Project - 3/5/17

in Swan Lane on Saturday 17th June at 8:00pm. Tickets are £10 (including supper) from the Faringdon Information Centre.

Do come and enjoy a great boogie night out. You can also help a member of the band celebrate a serious birthday!

Steve Wright

Bowel and Cancer research - 1/5/17

Registered charity No. 1119105

I have entered the 2017 London " Nightrider " , cycling 50 km around London on the evening of June 10th / 11th.

If you would like to donate to this charity, please contact Jeff on number below.

ALL donations to the charity, expenses covered by myself.

Thank you.

Jeff Wilson

Mob. 07867 636628

Be Very Aware- 1/5/17

We were visiting Badbury Clump yesterday afternoon and after a 40 mins walk had our car back windscreen smashed put and Contents stolen at 3pm in the afternoon. Site was very busy with lots of people. A handbag full of personal possessions including car keys and house keys were taken. This is a warning to others that even at busy times this can happen.

Many thanks

Name Supplied

Sunday 2 July 2017 Lunchtime concert Catholic Church Hall - 30/6/17

12-1pm Followed by light lunch All welcome - donations

Park in Budgeons - the Hall is behind the car park

Featuring: Ross Coles - Piano, plus Faringdon Ukeleles, Fiona Flint (vocal) Clem Davies (cello) and others

This will be a lovely way to spend a Sunday lunchtime.

Come and enjoy the music, food and company.

Entrance is free with donations to Christian Aid .

Table Tennis- 30/6/17

Starts Wednesday 12th

11am-12noon at Faringdon Leisure Centre. The first session will be no cost then regular sessions:

Free for Members, £1.60 Concession, £2.30 Pay & Play, £3.30 Non- Members

Wicklesham Quarry- Judicial Review- 30/6/17

The Judicial Review of Faringdon Neighbourhood Plan took place at the Royal Courts of Justice on 14-15 June before Judge John Howell QC.

For the latest update on the case follow the link. <https://www.change.org/p/faringdon-town-council-the-vale-of-white-horse-district-council-and-secretary-of-state-sajiv-javid-protect-wicklesham-quarry-from-development/u/20590922>

Anna Hoare

Child's specs found - 29/6/17

A child's spectacles have been put up on my garden wall, probably dropped on way home from school, Tuesday. They have black and white frames with a small moustache motif on the side.

Look up to the wall at No1, Gravel Walk next to the United Church drive in to the car park.

Name supplied

Community Litter Pick Saturday 8th July- 28/6/17

Meet at The Old Town Hall at 2pm

All equipment provided, please wear appropriate footwear.

Refreshments provided

Event is from 2- 5pm or as long as you can spare.

Faringdon Town Council

Freedom of the Vale - 25/6/17

Some photos of this splendid event: [Freedom of the Vale](#)

RE: Thames water- 25/6/17

Its worth letting them fix leaks,

1) I believe Thames water is one of the worst performing areas for wasting water through leaks I assume we ultimately pay the fines in our bills...

2) The water reducing grommits - I fitted my own, quick and simple and contrary to popular belief we hardly notice it, there was a modest reduction on the water bill. I also tried the shower egg timer but found that a bit useless. You can apply for a free kit on-line if you feel the urge...

3) We had a water leak that was discovered when our bill suddenly went into the 1000's. They were good in that the bill was frozen while it was fixed but that was a process that took 2 years. The leak was on the house side of the water meter a degraded seal. In the end we had to escalate to a complaint to get the bill finally written off. So to avoid that mess take the opportunity for a pre-emptive strike.

Name supplied

Eric Dunbar- 22/6/17

I am very sad to announce the passing of Eric Dunbar. Formerly of Faringdon house, Goodlake avenue, folly view road, Brackendale and Oakwood house.

He passed away whilst in the GWH peacefully in his sleep on the 20th June. He was stoic and dignified to the end. He will be missed by his sisters May and Jennifer, his beautiful granddaughters Millie and Connie and son Andrew and his partner Sarah.

Funeral to be held at kingsdown crem on the 14th July at 2.15, followed by food and drinks at Faringdon Football Club. All welcome- friends, family, enemies and associates!

Any questions please contact Andrew on 07795073263.

I miss you already dad.

Andrew

Grants from Oxfordshire Community Fund - 22/6/17

£1500 to more than £10k

<http://e-oxfordshirecommunityfoundation.org/1OSY-500TC-A0LUB5YT8A/cr.aspx>

Live at the Park 2017 - 21/6/17

Dear Fellow Faringdonians

You may be aware that Faringdon Town F.C. will be holding Live at the Park 2017 in Tucker Park, a free event with the aim of raising money for local charities. This year it takes place on Friday, June 30th (7.00pm-11.00pm) and Saturday, July 1st (Midday-11.00pm).

We have local bands playing live music both Friday evening and Saturday from 4.30pm, so there will be something for all the family to enjoy. During the day on Saturday there are markets stalls, traders & activities for both adults and children taking place. This year along with the Scarrott & Sons Family Fun Fair, we also have the 1st Faringdon Strongman & Strongwoman event run by Mission Fitness, a mini football tournament (FTFC U9s & U10s) and the Strut Your Dog – Dog Show. Weather permitting the Faringdon Fire Engine will be on-site running activities to show you how the Fire Service works.

As a Faringdon resident we understand that this event may cause some disturbance to your normal weekend routine. We work closely with the Vale of White Horse environment team to keep this disturbance to a minimum. We continually monitor our procedures and update them from previous experiences as necessary. The sound level will be monitored throughout the event, with the aim of keeping it within previously agreed levels. Our curfew for live music is 11.00pm on both nights and this will be strictly adhered to. We ask you to bear with us for this charity event.

You are of course welcome to come and join the party, entry is free.

We look forward to seeing you and hope you enjoy your day.

<http://www.liveatthepark.co.uk>

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

Joel Francis

BBC Two Series The Repair Shop- 21/6/17.

I am wondering if you might be able to help spread the word among your community to see if anyone has any objects in need of repair? We are looking for family heirlooms and objects that have community value that have fallen into disrepair. For example: memorial plaques, eroded statues, snapped weather vanes, broken sun dials, cracked gargoyles, fading carvings, or antique village and pub signs. Objects need to be able to be taken to our workshop in Chichester to be repaired by our team of master craftspeople, so needs to be transportable.

Some further information about Ricochet and 'The Repair Shop' below:

Who we are:

Ricochet is an award-winning independent television production company, responsible for creating high quality programming for all the major broadcasters. Our programming output includes Monty Don's 'Mastercrafts' (BBC2), Britain's Empty Homes (BBC One), Born to Be Different (Channel 4), 'Food Unwrapped' (Channel 4) and 'Cowboy Builders' (Channel 5). 'The Repair Shop' is one of our most recent commissions. To find out more go to www.ricochet.co.uk

The Programme:

The series will follow a team of some of Britain's most passionate and skilled craftspeople as they work side by side in a beautiful barn in the West Sussex countryside fixing, repairing and breathing new life into objects brought in by members of the public. The team are a group of experts drawn from different disciplines such as furniture repairers, metal workers, mechanics, ceramicists, clock makers, picture conservationists, up-cyclers, restorers and fabricators of every ilk. Every object brought in to 'The Repair Shop' will be different, each with its own story to tell and at the end of each programme, the objects will be returned to their owners to be treasured in the family for generations to come. The series is due to transmit on BBC2. To find out more go to www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b08l581p

If you have an object you'd like our help with please get back in touch with us at repair@ricochet.co.uk or call us on 01273 224829 , I've attached a flyer with information.

Best wishes and thank you for your time.

Ryan Leigh, Junior Researcher, The Repair shop, Ricochet

Re: Thames Water:- 21/6/17

We too received a letter to which I was skeptical. It is different from the normal fear inducing one they post about how the pipes under your house could cost a lot to repair and therefore why not get their pipes insurance. On

investigation though I think this one is actually legit. They have done similar schemes in Oxford and Newbury and it is most likely Government pressure on them to prove they are doing what they can to preserve water.

I am tempted but if they fit water reducing grommets to our taps will it mean a week and a day to fill a bath tub or kitchen sink?

Here is an article I found on a quick dig with google:

<https://www.waterbriefing.org/home/company-news/item/11561-thames-water-launches-smarter-home-visits-in-newbury>

Rob.

Thames Water- 20/6/17

I have just received a call from Thames Water to say that over the next three weeks their engineers will be visiting houses in my postcode to check for leaks and if they find any, to repair them free of charge and to hand out free water saving devices. I have always worked on the basis that if it sounds too good to be true it probably is, but wonder whether anyone else has received similar calls or letters?

Elisabeth Calman

Faringdon Knit and Knatter Ladies.- 20/6/17

Thankyou to everyone who came along and supported our Coffee Morning on Saturday June 17th, raising funds for the transportation and filling of shoeboxes for Link to Hope. Also to the many people who have made a donation, with your support the amazing sum of £550 was raised. Thankyou everyone, your generosity is very much appreciated.

Name supplied.

UNWANTED GIFT for sale - 18/6/17

2 tickets to see Jeff Lynne's E.L.O at Wembley this Saturday 24th June.

Ticket price £55 + booking fee. Willing to sell for £50 each.

<https://jefflynneselo.com/>

Please contact: John on 01367 243598 or 077 66 00 1571.

Boogie Me, 17th June - 18/6/17

A special thanks to all who came to my Boogie Me Birthday gig on Saturday 17th at The Pump House Project. It was a very special night for me and I think that everyone had a great time. Thanks to Lou Smith for the fantastic catering and the The Pump House Project for providing the best venue in town.

Do please come to the next BM gigs to enjoy the excitement! See www.boogie-me.co.uk for upcoming gigs.

Steve Wright

Groundwork Community Award- 17/6/17

Do you know a community group that deserves special recognition for making your local area a better place to live?

If so, then we would like you to nominate them to receive a **Groundwork Community Award!**

There are fantastic examples of community groups who work selflessly and tirelessly to improve their neighbourhoods. Thanks to their efforts our parks and open spaces are better looked after, libraries and heritage centres are being kept open, food banks and furniture projects continue to help people meet their basic needs and communities are blazing a trail in recycling and renewable energy.

We think it's time that their commitment was recognised.

The Groundwork Community Awards will honour those small groups making a big difference to the quality of life in their local area. We want to celebrate and reward groups who often get little recognition and support. We also want to spotlight the power of doing good together so that we can inspire others to organise and get active in their own communities.

Our awards are simple to enter – you can highlight your own [achievements or nominate a group you know to receive an award in one of 10 categories](#) reflecting the huge diversity of projects and services being delivered by community volunteers.

The deadline for nominations is 25 August.

Shortlisted community groups will be honoured at our prestigious national awards ceremony in central London on the evening of 2 November and their stories will be widely promoted so that others can learn from their success.

[Nominate your heroes now.](#)

The march.- 16/6/17

An Army Regiment will exercise a prestigious honour and parade through the streets of Faringdon at midday on Sunday 25 June.

In 2016 the Rifles was granted The Freedom of the Vale of White Horse, which allows it to enter and parade through the towns and villages within the Vale. It will exercise the honour in Faringdon to mark the granting of this privilege to the regiment.

Are we having to put up with the disruption of this parade because no other town or village wanted the inconvenience of it? and since when as Faringdon been a military town?

We have been "ordered" to move our cars from Gloucester street (residents in several other streets in the town centre have also been ordered to move their cars) and park in Tesco's rear car park on that day, has the people organising this any idea just how many cars there are in all of the streets affected? and the size of the rear car park at Tesco's which has been set aside for resident parking, and of course has anything been decided for those residents that physically cannot walk back from Tesco?.

As far as I am aware there has been no consultation with residents over this, just a letter telling us we must move our cars for the day, and also not to have any deliveries that day, basically do as your told because of this "exciting" event.

Well I'm not excited just annoyed that the only day off I get in a week I am going to be held virtual prisoner in my home until I am allowed out at three o'clock to pick my car up from Tesco.

Name supplied

The Rifles to parade through Faringdon town centre on Sun June 25th - 16/6/17

An Army Regiment will exercise a prestigious honour and parade through the streets of Faringdon at midday on Sunday 25 June.

In 2016 the Rifles was granted The Freedom of the Vale of White Horse, which allows it to enter and parade through the towns and villages within the Vale. It will exercise the honour in Faringdon to mark the granting of this privilege to the regiment.

The Regiment will march into the Market Square at around midday. An inspection and speeches by the Vice Lord Lieutenant, Mr John Harwood, the Chairman of the Vale of White Horse Councillor Reg Waite and the Rifles Colonel Greater London & Home Counties Brigadier Rob Thomson DSO OBE will then take place.

The Rifles officer commanding the parade will officially ask permission to exercise the Freedom before the parade marches up Church St before returning for the Vice Lord Lieutenant to take the salute.

[Read full press release, including information about road closures](#)

Sponsorship Thankyou- 16/6/17

To all friends and family who supported my charity 'NightRider' cycle around London on the evening of June 10th/11th, with donations

I was pleased to complete the cycle ride, safely in 4.25 hours

Grateful thans to Liliain Ash of Sheffords Bakery, London St, and her customers for support and encouragement.

I have now sent all the money to the Bowel and Cancer research charity; a total of £363.02 was donated.

Many thanks to all

Jeff Wilson

Rounders in the Park- 16/6/17

Faringdon Leisure Centre Field

Fun, social & no experience necessary Weekly sessions start 27 June Tuesday's 6.30 pm - 7.30 pm - Free!

For more details contact Ashley Chapman 07717 714477 ashley.chapman@southandvale.gov.uk

Redcoats to Rifleman- a talk by Brigadier Robin Draper 15/6/17

Corn Exchange 23rd June 7.30pm. Doors open 6.45

[See the poster for more detail](#)

Pump House Project Summer Newsletter- 15/6/17

www.thepumphouseproject.co.uk/news-letter-archive

Read all about the MBE for Voluntary groups, the sELFie project (and much more)

The Pump House Project has been awarded The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service

The Pump House Project was awarded The Queens Award for Voluntary Service 2017 to mark the occasion of her Golden Jubilee, recognising excellence in voluntary activities carried out by groups in the community.

It is the MBE for volunteer groups. The work TPHP does for the community was very much admired by the independent Assessment Committee, chaired by Sir Martyn Lewis CBE

The Steeds Planning permission- 15/6/17

<http://www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/java/support/Main.jsp?MODULE=ApplicationDetails&REF=P17/V0118/RM>

I've had a quick look at the [Planning Obligation agreement](#)- I can't see any developer contributons to Faringdon Town Council or Great Coxwell Parish council- but I didn't read it word for word

Ed

Faringdon Knit and Knatter Ladies- 15/6/17

We are holding a Coffee Morning in the Corn Exchange, Faringdon on Saturday 17th June 2017, 10-12 noon, raising funds to fill and transport Elderly and Family Shoeboxes for Link to Hope. Your support will be very much appreciated.

Name supplied

Faringdon Regent Cinema price changes from July- 14/6/17

Tickets in Advance: £3 U18s, £4 Adult, £10 Family

Tickets on Door £4 U18s, £5 Adult, £11 Family (In other words, it's £1 more on the door!)

Please pop in and pick up your tickets from Faringdon Information Centre, 5 Market Place SN7 7HL

or why not pay by phone? Tel: 01367 240281

Why not buy a Matinee Club Membership for our Wednesday afternoon films? £24 for a minimum of 12 films

For more info on upcoming films, please see our website www.faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk/regent-cinema or phone 01367 240281

Thank you for supporting the community cinema in The Corn Exchange

Freedom of the Vale March- 13/6/17

Having now read the letter which has been posted on Facebook, I think the clue is in the first sentence..."The Vale of the White Horse District Council has awarded a local regiment the right to march through our town on the above date."

We are lucky that the Town Clerk has had the common sense to inform local residents and businesses of this event which has been authorised and arranged by our District Council and not the Town Council.

I think it is an honour although I can see how inconvenient it will be especially if people have specific arrangements made for that day that require them to be able to access their premises with a vehicle.

Green Witch

Freedom of the Vale March - 12/6/17

What's going on in Faringdon on 25th June, this march that is taking place is totally inconvenient, I am disabled and unable to walk to Tesco car park on this day or any other day, I park my car on Gloucester Street normally, wouldn't mind if the car park in Gloucester Street was open but that is being closed also, could someone tell me if this is legal.

Name supplied

Website updates resumed - 10/6/17

Back from holiday now

Ed

Badbury Clump Planning application refused - 9/6/17

www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/java/support/Main.jsp?MODULE=ApplicationDetails&REF=P16/V1285/FUL#exactline

BUSCOT RUN - 5k & 10k Sunday 2nd July 2017- 8/6/17

The annual Buscot Run organised by Faringdon Rotary will take place this year on Sunday 2nd July in the beautiful setting of Buscot Park whilst the park is closed by kind permission of Lord Faringdon. Run over 5k and 10k the course has been accurately measured using GPS and runs right past the front door of Buscot House, through formal parkland, woods and around open fields on a mix of gravel and tarmac. Water stations will be at strategic locations. The 5k race will start at 9.30am and the 10k at 10.30am. Whether you're a serious runner or just jog for enjoyment, if you would like to enrol for either race, you can register with PayPal on our website: www.faringdonrotaryclub.co.uk For further details call Roddy Benson 01367 243864. All proceeds go to our charity projects, most of which are local.

MUSIC at BUSCOT PARK THEATRE- 8/6/17

From June to September a series of five chamber music concerts has been arranged at the fabulous Buscot Park Theatre. Seating only 66, it is an intimate space and ideally suited to the purpose.

The aim of these events is to give the performers, all talented professional or semi-professional musicians, the opportunity of having an appreciative audience for some rarely performed works as well as better known pieces. For a solo performer or small group to produce a 90 minute programme an immense amount of preparation and practice is required so I hope as many people as possible will support this venture.

Lord Faringdon is generously allowing the grounds to be used for picnics before each performance.

For full details of programmes and performers, and how to book tickets see: www.buscotconcerts.co.uk

email: info@buscotconcerts.co.uk

Hilary Taylor

Thames Valley Police Faringdon Neighbourhood Team changes- 7/6/17

As you will have noticed there have been a few changes to the Faringdon Neighbourhood Team as we move to the new force operating model. Sergeant Ryan JAMES, PC Trevor GORMAN, PC Bob SEARLE, WPC Debs CANNON and PC Tom PRYOR have all contributed fantastically to the Faringdon Neighbourhood team being recognised by the Community Policing awards, with four awards in as many years, but will be moving on to the investigation hubs and problem solving team. The problem solving team will be a team of neighbourhood officers based at Abingdon able to drop onto particular problem areas identified by Threat, Harm, Opportunity and Risk. This will be led by Sgt Ryan JAMES with PC Tom PRYOR on the team and they will be supporting Faringdon where they can.

25th June 2017- 1/6/17

I would like it to be known to the town council that at 3.05 on the above date there will be a parade of annoyed and totally pissed off residents from Gloucester St, London St, Cornmarket and Church street making their way up to Tesco's car park to retrieve their cars, please be tolerant of this "exciting " event as the mood may well be a tad fractious. you are warmly invited to watch the procession of about two hundred cars making their way back to their normal parking spots. ...Looks like we are all going to be held hostage in our homes that day, hopefully no one will be needing a doctor or ambulance, those resident having the luxury of off road parking wont be allowed out, or if they do go out, wont be allowed back...what happened to free choice or even free will. What are you going to do town council if no one wants to move their cars, tow them away?

Name Supplied.

Freedom of the Vale March- 1/6/17

We have received a notice that on 25th June there will be a march through Faringdon and because of this we are going to suffer!! no parking in Gloucester Street, Corn Market and Church Street, also the lower part of London Street, what a cheek this is, also the Gloucester Street Car Park will be closed, well thank you very much, how are we supposed to get into and out of our homes, you're talking about taking car's off of the road when everyone is home, what a cheek, we have all paid our road tax so strictly speaking you can't do this, it's highly illegal to stop anyone getting onto the road and is quite inconvenient to walk all of the way to Tesco car park during this time. I will be interested to see what other people say about this.

Name supplied

INDIA ELECTRIC CO. in concert.- Friday 7th July- 1/6/17

Corn Exchange - doors 7.30pm for 8pm.

Currently supporting and accompanying MIDGE URE for the second year on his world tour 'Something From Everything,' India Electric Co are heading back to Faringdon for another headline show! They rarely do them as touring with Midge takes so much time.

Their concert here last September sold out so grab tickets early this time.

They were first here in 2013 when they supported 'Show of Hands' at the very first 'Live At The Tithe'.

'Arriving seemingly fully formed on the scene the 'twenty-somethings' dazzled with their original material – the sublime vocals of Stacey complementing the huge talents of pianist, violinist and accordionist O'Keefe, probably one of the best young multi instrumentalists in the country.- - Spiral Earth.

**** "Bursting with invention and full of surprises." - The Telegraph

**** "Their reeling, spinning sound corroborates the content of their songs which appear to be describing a life alive with motion. They are altogether a good thing, busy as rush hour but full of light." - The Independent on Sunday

Sometimes folk, sometimes not. India Electric Company travel through Eastern European themes, gypsy jazz and Irish reels to end up with something "quirky and glittery - a veritable musical magpie's nest." - Mary Ann Kennedy, BBC Radio 3.

Tickets £10.00 are available from the Faringdon Information Centre, The Pump House, Market Place 01367 240281 or from wegottickets.

Val Sansford

Folly Fest Fringe- 31/7/17

The 'So Long Leonard' tribute to Leonard Cohen by Faringdon Dramatic Society in the Pump House Project was wonderful. Song, dance, readings- all beautifully performed.

Ed

Folly Fest - 31/7/17

A huge thank you to everyone who made FollyFest so successful despite some of the adverse weather. It was great to see so many people having such a fabulous time. The atmosphere in town was fantastic.

A massive thank you to all the organisers, volunteers,

very talented musicians, groups and artists who performed and made it such an enjoyable event. We all appreciate how much hard work and dedication goes into organising the event. Thank you to all our customers and friends at The Wheatsheaf who have yet again made the weekend such great fun.

A big thank you to Tim Cartwright and Brian Doyle for our fantastic entertainment on Saturday evening.

THANKS AGAIN TO EVERYONE,,,,,see you soon

Geoff, Jo and all the team at The Wheatsheaf Freehouse

Grand Jumble Sale – Sat 5th August, 2-4pm – Faringdon Corn Exchange - 30/7/17

This Sat, 5th August, 2-4pm at Faringdon Corn Exchange. In aid of McMillan Cancer Support.

Lots of wonderful jumble, fancy goods, cakes, toys, books, plants and refreshments. Plus a wonderful large Tombola and a raffle with wonderful prizes including Emma Bridgewater items. Come along to grab a bargain, enjoy a refreshment or have a chance to win a wonderful prize.

Cake or jumble donations are very welcomed and we are happy to collect or items can be dropped off from 12noon on the day to the Corn Exchange. Do help us support this wonderful cause, as no one should face cancer alone. Contact Marea on 07583 206924. Thank you!

Volunteer Car Drivers needed- 29/7/17

- to transport clients to and from Faringdon Day Centre, starting September after current OCC transport finishes. We meet every Monday and Thursday, but if you can help only one journey on one day/week we would still love to hear from you.

Mileage paid.

Contact Keith Thrower on 01367 240 848 or smthrower@tiscali.co.uk

Town Council Newsletter- 28/7/17

If you would like to subscribe to the new Faringdon Town Council Newsletter, that will be published in September, and receive cinema listings please click this link:

<http://faringdowntowncouncil.us16.list-manage.com/subscribe?u=5caabd6aeb1123e3287ce0d94&id=37178c285b>

Corn Exchange floor- 28/7/17

Beautiful new floor in the Corn Exchange- and it covers the whole space (strips of carpet either side are no more)

Much better for dancing/fitness classes

Ed

More Weekly Table Tennis (and other activities) for 60+- 27/7/17**Table Tennis £2**

Tuesday 14.00-15.00

Wednesday 11.00-12.00

Badminton £3

Wednesday 08.00-09.00

Friday 17.00-18.00

Swimming £2.75 (Free for Members)

Tuesday 08.00-09.00

Thursday 08.00-09.00

Water Workout £6.50 (Free for Members)

Friday 11.30-12.30

For more information, call 01367 241 755, email Faringdon@gll.org or visit

In Partnership with Faringdon Leisure Centre, Fernham Road, SN7 7LB

Community Grants- Leader funding event- 27/7/17

22 August, 10am-12pm, Old Town Hall, Faringdon (Market Place, Faringdon, SN7 7HL – free 2 hour parking in town)

Calling farmers, businesses, community organisations, foresters and tourism providers. We have £1.55 million to award to rural projects in Oxfordshire.

Come along to find out more about what projects are eligible. There will be a brief presentation at 10.15am, otherwise please drop in at any time to talk to us. We will also be sharing information about other local opportunities.

It would be great if you can let us know you plan to attend although not essential. Our contact details are oxfordshire.leader@southandvale.gov.uk or 01235 422245.

<http://www.oxfordshireleader.org.uk/leader-information-event-22-august-faringdon/>

A34 Road Improvement - 27/7/17

www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/news/2017/2017-07/council-welcomes-funding-boost-major-improvements-a34-abingdon

Climb Folly Tower- Free 11am-12.30pm Saturday 29th July- 26/7/17

Follow THE sELFie DOORS TRAIL

Pick up your map at The Pump House Project or at our stall in the market place

The Fairies and Elves live round the town and in the woods round The Folly Tower.

Look closely and see if you can find the 10 Doors on the sELFie DOOR trail!

Visit Rapunzel in The Folly Tower 11am - 12noon on Saturday 29th July ONLY

Please note The Folly Tower will remain open to the public until 12.30pm (free admission)

See a poster with more detail on the [Poster Notice Board](#)

QUALIFIED LEADER FOR ROTAKIDS- 26/7/17

Faringdon & District Rotary Club is seeking potential candidates for Leader of the RotaKids Club which it sponsors. Brief function and qualifications description are:

- Organise and lead weekly meetings of 1hr 30mins, with maximum 20 children, for crafts, games and promotion of social awareness, citizenship and the ethos of RotaKids
- 8 meetings per school term: 3 terms per school year.
- Meetings to be held in The Pump House Project building on Fridays at 3.30pm unless an alternative arrangement agreed with Rotary Club of Faringdon
- Organisation of occasional RotaKids events for fundraising and community service in conjunction with the Rotary Club representative for RotaKids
- Track record and qualification for teaching, and /or group leadership of 7 to 11 year old children.
- Self-employed status with Contract for Services to Rotary Club of Faringdon.
- Leader to carry third-party liability and professional indemnity insurance.
- DBS accreditation
- Fees to be agreed based on rate per hour with additional 1hr 30mins preparation time per meeting.
- Funding for materials, consumables etc. will be provided by the Rotary Club against invoices or receipts.

For more information or consideration as a candidate, please provide name and contact details to Rotarian Paul Rogers email: rotakids8@aol.com

Fruit and Veg stall at Tuesday Market - 26/7/17

Next Tuesday, I think. - a new fruit and veg stall, all locally grown produce. Picked on a Monday, bought fresh to you on Tuesday.

Community Grants- 25/7/17

Oxford Community Foundation is currently seeking applications to the **High Sheriff's Community Integration Awards**. The awards are grants of up to £5,000, given for work that brings together diverse communities of people. In addition to the grant, successful projects will be recognised at an annual awards ceremony hosted by the High Sheriff of Oxfordshire. **The closing date is Friday 8th September at midday.**

The High Sheriff's Community Integration Award is a grants round within Oxfordshire Community Foundation's Delivering Impact programme. Grants are offered for initiatives that bring together communities usually divided by ethnicity, age or social background.

[Eligibility Criteria](#)

URGENT-URGENT-URGENT COOK Wanted- 25/7/17

Faringdon Day Centre for the elderly meets at Faringdon Baptist Church Hall each Monday and Thursday. We urgently need a COOK to prepare freshly-cooked 2-course lunches for 10-12 clients and staff. 4½ hours/day. Salary: to be discussed.

If you are an experienced cook or just love cooking for a family, we would be pleased to hear from you.

For more information contact Sue Thrower (Chairman) on 01367 240 848 or smthrower@tiscali.co.uk

Saturday 29th July Climb Folly Tower- Free- 25/7/17

Seek out some sELFie doors and come and see Rapunzel and the Prince 11am-1pm

In partnership with <http://www.thepumphouseproject.co.uk/selfie-doors>

SWING into action at the Defence Academy Golf Club!- 23/7/17

18 hole - 5684yd - par 70 parkland course in the beautiful grounds of the Defence Academy, Watchfield. A warm, friendly welcome assured for new members of all ages and golfing abilities.

Year-round programme of group coaching for adult beginners/intermediates and juniors.

Friendly and league fixtures, club competitions, Texas Scrambles and social golf

For further details: www.dagc.org.uk

or e-mail: manager@dagolfclub.eclipse.co.uk or ring (01793) 785725

Plastic bags to line food waste bins OK - 21/7/17

Residents in Southern Oxfordshire can now use plastic bags to line their food waste bins and caddies. Food waste is collected every week and taken to Agrivert's anaerobic digestion plant near Wallingford to be recycled into gas for electricity and fertiliser for local farmland.

The processing plant is now able to accept thin plastic bags, such as carrier bags, bread bags, paper wrappings, or normal pedal bin liners. Residents can also continue to use compostable bags or newspapers to line their caddies and bins, or put food straight in without any liner.

Any bags used as liners will be removed at the processing plant and sent to an Energy Recovery Facility to be turned into energy.

<http://www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/news/2017/2017-07/plastic-bags-can-now-be-used-line-food-waste-bins>

Thank you! - 20/7/17

Thanks to the kind London St resident who finished cleaning up where my dog was spectacularly sick on the pavement on Thursday. I did the best I could with the bags in my pocket but know it was still a bit of a mess. By the time I'd got the old girl home and returned with a bucket of water you had already been out there. Thank you and sorry you had to do this.

Andrea

Wednesday Table Tennis- 20/7/17

11am-12noon at Faringdon Leisure Centre.

The first session will be no cost then regular sessions: then £3 per session

Great fun

<http://www.getoxfordshireactive.org/>

Ride and Stride- 19/7/17

Oxfordshire Historic Church Trust organises an annual Ride and Stride sponsored event to raise essential funds to repair, restore and improve the county's churches. This year's event takes place on 9th September and we are looking for some help to promote it and encourage local families to take part. Please find a link to our press release <https://ohct.org.uk/news/ride-stride-support-and-admire/>

More grants- from VWHDC - 19/7/17

www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/news/2017/2017-07/council-offer-£175000-grants-local-community-workshops-to-help-you-apply-on-10th-august-in-faringdon - doesn't say where.

Grants available- 17/7/17

From Oxford Community Foundation

http://oxfordshire.org/grants/?dm_i=1OSY,51Y9F,LUB5YT,JBJLN,1

FREE Open Air Cinema - 16/7/17

The Town Council have arranged for another FREE Open Air Cinema screening at Tucker Park on Friday 25th August:

Mamma Mia! (PG) 2008 - Comedy, Family, Musical

The story of a bride-to-be trying to find her real father - told using hit songs by the popular group, ABBA.

Director: Phylida Lloyd

Stars: Meryl Streep, Pierce Brosnan, Amanda Seyfried, Colin Firth, Julie Walters

Bring a chair and picnic from 7.30pm, film starts at dusk! Remember to bring warm clothes/blanket for when the sun goes down!

Enquiries: 01367 240281 - Faringdon Information Centre

Wednesday 19th July Table Tennis for 60+ - 15/7/17

11am-12noon at Faringdon Leisure Centre.

The first session will be no cost then regular sessions at £3 per session

Corn Exchange Noise Policy Survey - 14/7/17

Dear Faringdon Residents,

Please could you help with the survey <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FTWBF2N>? The Council are redrafting the Corn Exchange noise policy and your feedback will help ensure that we have the views of the community.

I am also looking for people to take part in a focus group. Please contact me on sally@faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk if you would like to be involved.

Thank you!

Sally Thurston

24th & 25th August Faringdon ApprenticeSHOP, 10am-2pm -14/7/17

The Pump House Project, 22 Swan Lane, Faringdon, SN7 7AF.

- Getting GCSE or A Level results this summer and wondering if an Apprenticeship is right for you?
- Still at school and thinking about doing an Apprenticeship when you leave?
- Want to know more about Apprenticeships to help your child make the best career choice?

Apprenticeship experts will be on hand with information and advice about types of Apprenticeships, career pathways, higher level qualifications... and anything else you want to know! They will also have a list of local vacancies for anyone looking to start an Apprenticeship this summer.

Find out more about Oxfordshire Apprenticeships at: www.oxfordshireapprenticeships.co.uk

Grants from Oxford County Council - 12/7/17

Extract from Judy Heathcoat report (Oxford County Councillor) June/July 2017

Communities Fund – all County Councillors sit on “Locality Boards” for their area. The locality for me is the “Faringdon and Wantage” area and there are 6 councillors who attend representing this geographic area. The community budget for this area is a total of £25,000 and at our first meeting we decided that this total should be shared equally between each councillor. I therefore have some £4,166 for the Faringdon Division.

This community budget for 2017/18 is for communities to bid for matched funding schemes or projects to supplement services following changes/reductions that matter most to the local community. Applications have to be submitted by 31 December 2017 and the contact is Sarah Jelley of the Policy Team at OCC and the email is localities@oxfordshire.gov.uk telephone 07554 103437.

I can also forward paperwork to anyone who might be interested and you can contact me on judith.heathcoat@oxfordshire.gov.uk telephone 01367 241468.

Keyboard at Faringdon Library - 11/7/17

We have an excellent keyboard on loan at Faringdon Library, from the county music library, Oxford. It is free and available for anyone to play. Along with the keyboard came some great keyboard music books. So..... everyone/anyone is welcome to use it ..headphones are provided, but we thought it would be good to have **open sessions** Monday, Wednesday, Friday afternoons between 2.00 and 3.00 and Tuesday between 10.30-11.30.

FARINGDON LIBRARY

New Waste and Recycle Trucks on their way - 11/7/17

www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/news/2017/2017-07/new-waste-and-recycling-trucks-their-way

Tesco Grant- 10/7/17

Faringdon Town Council is delighted to announce that Tesco has picked our project in their Bags of Help Grant Scheme. Later in the year in partnership with Faringdon Baptist Church, All Saints and Faringdon Dramatic Society we plan to bring you a 'Living Nativity' which will be a wonderful event for the whole community and will even include live camels! So if you're shopping Tesco in July and August please vote for us!

Wicklesham Quarry Judgement- 10/7/17

It seems to me that enough has now been said on this subject. No more posts please

[Formal summary of the judgement Hoare v VWHDC](#)

Ed

Wicklesham Quarry Judgement- 10/7/17

I have read through the judgement and I know some of you have as well. I struggled with it as it has been written in quite difficult English.

The Judgment speaks for itself, however, I feel there are certain points of interest as follows:

1. The Judge found that one of Anna's complaints had grounds, that being that the Wicklesham policy (4.5B) was in conflict with Local Plan 2011 Policy GS2. However he did not state that this was unlawful, only that the Vale and the Inspector did not lawfully satisfy themselves that the NP plan was in "general conformance" with the Local Plan. He then refused Anna relief as he thought that had this decision been made again, with the knowledge of this conflict, the outcome would have been the same. Effectively, despite this conflict, the Inspector and the Vale would have still been able to find that the NP was in "general conformance" with the LP. The minutiae of the point here is extraordinary, but the judgement I think clear. A legal error was made, which may have been unlawful, but that did not deem the plan to be unlawful, hence no quashing order.

The odd thing about this point is that Policy GS2 went out of date the day the NP and new Local Plan 2031 came into force. This is a bizarre situation where the Judge analysed conformity of the NP with an out of date policy. As it happened there was no need for him to analyse against the new policy, Core Policy 28, but he did state that the NP may well be in conformity with CP28. I think in reality it is clear that 4.5B is

definitely in conformance with the new LP. I struggle to see why Anna brought this point as I cannot see that the outcome would have ever been different.

2. The issue of the 5 year restoration conditions is to me still a little ambiguous. At para 53 the Judge states: "the restoration activities at the Quarry will be completed for the purpose of Policy 4.5B when the land is fit for the purposes for which it is to be restored and that will be (if the current planning position remains unchanged) once the steps required in the approved restoration and aftercare scheme and plan have been completed at the end of the five year aftercare periods".

This appears to me to say that 4.5B cannot activate until that 5 year period has passed, however, the words "if the current planning position remains unchanged" creates a caveat. My consultant has suggested that an application under CP28 would override these conditions if successful. So perhaps that matter lies with the Vale / OCC as to whether development is possible within this time (or a Planning Inspector if they refused and the application was appealed). The Town and Country Planning Act allows for conditions to be overridden and the LP / NPPF support development, so I cannot see any logical reason why either authority would make an applicant wait the 5 years. Particularly with the current political pressure for increased economic activity. I'm sure time will shake this one out. Anna has threatened further legal action on this point but in reality.....would she have the will and would she raise the money a second time?

3. The issue of brownfield site. This all seems to make no sense. It appears the site was referred to as a brownfield site early in the process and this error was corrected. However, the judge felt that the Inspector treated the site as a brownfield site when it was not, that this was an error, but the error was immaterial. I find this perplexing! And ultimately irrelevant!

4. "General Conformity". On this point I find the Judgement most interesting.....in particular perhaps for towns and villages in the process of writing plans now. VWHDC Planning Officer sought to suggest that this was quite a defined test, which is of course what Anna attempted to prove. Their definition was far more what one would expect to find when submitting a planning application, that proposals are tested against the words of a policy. The Judge, and previous Judges, found differently, that "general conformity" and "strategic policies" are inherently imprecise terms and the court should not attempt to give them a spurious degree of precision. Further, there is "considerable room for manoeuvre" between neighbourhood and local plans. It appears that an Inspector would be expected to make a reasonable judgement with regard to this point.

This fills me with hope as to what can be achieved within the boundary of "general conformity". Perhaps much more could have been done had we been aware of this? Perhaps we suffered as a result of our front runner status (although the grant was handy)! It's all academic now.

On a wider note this plan is now absolutely water tight. We have achieved what was primarily wanted, more employment land. If we were to do it again I would also ask for strong policies regarding the appearance of Park Road (as the Vale don't appear to bother using theirs), shop signage in the town centre and building design in general. Perhaps a design study specific to the town. Perhaps combined with a Conservation Area review (again the Vale officers don't appear to be bothered about our Conservation Area). Perhaps an overarching master plan of the new estates and how they will integrate with the town to avoid disconnected planning applications and ensure more of this power was kept local. These are all just ideas.....and expensive ones!

I am very much aware of the failed Humpty Hill policy and the re-examination it caused. And had Anna been successful I may well have got it in the neck! I remain disappointed with the outcome and apologise for the delays it caused. I hope you all understand that we threw everything we could at Humpty. We always thought the Local Green Space would be more likely than the Town Green status. How wrong we were. I note that the first inspector did not find it to be "an extensive tract of land"! In light of the national housing situation I remain sure that had Humpty not been protected in some way it would have fallen before the end of this plan as I don't believe the Vale will maintain the 5 year housing land supply.

Helping with the Neighbourhood plan has been an education, and mostly, a very enjoyable journey. The

Judgement will serve to assist others in writing their plans. The people involved have been committed, reasonable and professional. I very much look forward to working with you all on the review!!!!
Rob Stewart

Wicklesham Quarry Judgement - 10/7/17

The Campaign to Protect Wicklesham Quarry from Development has been immeasurably strengthened by the judge's findings in the Judicial Review, even though he has failed to quash the Neighbourhood Plan. For a detailed summary of the Judge's ruling, see the latest update. <https://www.change.org/p/faringdon-town-council-the-vale-of-white-horse-district-council-and-secretary-of-state-sajiv-javid-protect-wicklesham-quarry-from-development/u/20768971>

Anna Hoare

Wicklesham Quarry Judgement - 9/7/17

"As a result of the verdict handed down on the 7/7/2017 Case No CO/5690/2016 in the High Court of Justice, Queens Bench Division Planning Court at the Royal Courts of Justice, which upheld the Defendant, which was The Vale of White Horse District Council, is there now any way to find out what the financial costs to the District Council were to defend this case? Will this have any implication on local council taxes or will local cuts in services have to be made to make up for the costs of successfully defending the case?"

<http://www.bailii.org/ew/cases/EWHC/Admin/2017/1711.html>

Name supplied

Council Tax Paying Faringdon Resident.

Wicklesham Quarry Judicial Review - 8/7/17

Conclusion: Para 190.

1. *For the reasons given, although I have found one of the Claimant's complaints well founded, relief must be refused in accordance with section 31(2A) of the Senior Courts Act 1981.*

Full details <http://www.bailii.org/ew/cases/EWHC/Admin/2017/1711.html>

Ed

Only in Faringdon. - 7/7/16

I was in Lloyds bank this morning, I was one of just two customers waiting to be served, a Lloyds staff member told us that the alarms were going to be tested so the two of us braced ourselves for the noise.....the alarms went off and it was quite a din, just as they went off I looked around to see several bank customers coming IN!.....I have been chuckling all day.

Name supplied

Become a Community First Responder- 7/7/17

with South Central Ambulance service

[Details on Volunteering page](#)

Community Litter Pick Saturday 8th July- 7/7/17

Meet at The Old Town Hall at 2pm

All equipment provided, please wear appropriate footwear.

Refreshments provided

Event is from 2- 5pm or as long as you can spare.

Faringdon Town Council

Exercise- GoActive - 7/1/17

Table Tennis

Enjoy this social session where no experience is required to have fun!

Free taster on Wednesday 12 July

11am - 12noon

Faringdon Leisure Centre

Regular session cost:

Free for members/ £1.60 concession/£2.30 pay & play/£3.30 non- members

07717 714477

ashley.chapman@southndvale.gov.uk

Purple scooter- 7/7/17

Lots of thanks to Hilary and partner for looking after Isabel's scooter - she was absolutely delighted to have it back, and I am so glad to live in such a friendly town with people looking out for each other.

Tim Koder

Planning applications- 7/7/17

Change of use to create 8 flats and development of 2 new dwellings, Ferndale School, Bromsgrove

<http://www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/java/support/Main.jsp?MODULE=ApplicationDetails&REF=P17/V1878/LB>

The council has refused a planning application, reference P17/V1242/O, for development work at Fernham Road Faringdon Oxon

The application is for: Erection of 5 x 3 bedroom dwellings

www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/java/support/Main.jsp?MODULE=ApplicationDetails&REF=P17/V1242/O

Decision Notice

Library volunteers needed - 6/7/17

Community Library volunteers <https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/cms/content/becoming-community-library-volunteer>

Monday to Saturday opening hours

Also to help us in our busy little library

Book Club Leader (adult)

Rhyme time volunteers

Coffee Morning helpers

Please pop into the library for more details

Fancy dress day at FollyFest !- 6/7/17

This year Follyfest (28th-30th July) is promoting fancy dress on the Saturday, with the theme "Fairy Tales".

Old or young, come in your best outfit, or come and compete in a team (team application forms available at enquiries@follyfest.co.uk). Now where did I leave that unicorn.....?

Name supplied

Thankyou- 5/7/17

Our sincere thanks to the young gentleman who gave us a lift home from Oxford station last night. It made a long and difficult day easier; thank you for your kindness it was much appreciated.

David and Mary Tutt

Wicklesham Quarry's planning conditions- 4/7/17

The person who refuses to state their name is wrong on all counts.

1) The scruffy little temporary buildings that were in the quarry were removed as part of the County Council's Restoration Plan, which was passed in 2013. They were part of the quarrying activities and had no further use. Under its planning conditions the quarry has to be restored to agricultural use. Not only were they totally unsuitable for any kind of 'museum' they were not allowed to remain. Their removal has nothing whatsoever to do with the campaign, but was required in law. Oxfordshire County Council took enforcement action against Grundon for their failure to carry out the restoration in December 2016.

2) The conservation and maintenance of parts of the quarry faces IS part of the SSSI requirements, as are the fossil spoil heaps. There is no change at all there. Other parts of the quarry were outlined for a variety of planting. No change there either. As for the ponds, they have to be preserved as part of the Restoration plan, and they are clearly shown on Grundon's Restoration Plan.

One of them was damaged- as recorded by the OCC Monitoring Officer- and that has been reported as a wildlife crime, together with the fact that Grundon failed to obtain a Mitigation Licence as required.

So in fact everything written shows lack of knowledge of
(a) Wicklesham's planning conditions;
(b) restoration plan
(c) restoration planting scheme, &
(d) the legal conditions concerning protection of the SSSI.

Anna Hoare

Purple Scooter- 3/7/17

Has anyone seen a purple scooter in the town centre this weekend?

It's a Micro Sprite, labeled Isabel Koder. We think we left it outside Haine & Smith at 12:00 on Saturday.

Please email timkoder@hotmail.com if you have any clues!

Thanks, Tim

New Pizza restaurant- 2/7/17

Will be in what was the Thai restaurant (formerly the Post Office)

Ed

Wicklesham Quarry- 1/7/17

Does Anna Hoare not realise the enormous damage she has done to the quarry because of her campaign. The fossil trust were offered the buildings to be turned into a fossil museum. But they now have to be demolished. There was a plan to open the quarry to the public with a pathway with access to the fossil faces leaving the spoil heaps for people to forage through. As far as i can see so far the faces have been damaged as they've been planted with trees, the ponds have dried up. So the compliance has been adhered to. To be honest, the farmer can refuse access to everyone and no one gains anything from this. Greenwich

Hedging- wonderful job - 29/8/17

I have recently used Adrian Davey after seeing recommendations on Faringdon.org to cut my hedges which had become more than I could manage. Adrian came round, gave me a price which was very reasonable. A few days later son Tim and work mate Patrick arrived did a wonderful job. In fact they did more than I originally asked for at no extra cost. I will definitely contact them again when they need cutting back again. Give them a try. You will not be disappointed.
Caroline McWilliams.

Integrated Urgent Care from 5/9/17- 29/8/17

NHS England is rolling out Integrated Urgent Care across the country and Thames Valley is an early adopter of this exciting new service. It brings together 111, Out of Hours primary care and a range of other services which will be accessible through a single phone call.

Simply put, patients will continue to call the 111 number and the trained call handler will assess the person's needs. They will be able to arrange for the patient to see or speak to a healthcare professional 24hrs a day, seven days a week, including GPs where this is clinically appropriate.

[Read more about it](#)

Tuckers Park Cinema- 25/8/17

What a lovely evening. The breaks in the film took me back to the old newsreel cinemas. It was fun. Is this going to be an annual event. The only down part was the security light that kept coming on. Very bright and very intrusive.
Greenwich

Traffic Monitor - Fernham Road - 24/8/17

I have noticed a traffic monitor across the road in Fernham Road after the school and leisure centre.

Does anybody know who it's for? I only wonder because I assume it's to check the traffic levels so that more houses can be agreed further down the road.

If this is the case I would like to ask whoever is responsible for it why they chose to do it when the school is closed for the summer holidays.

The rest of the year Monday-Friday the road is very busy with cars speeding down there and others parking.

Perhaps they'll do another survey in the middle of September?

Name Supplied

Grants from VWHDC Council - 22/8/17

Communities across the Vale of White Horse that are looking to improve local facilities can benefit from a share of £175,000 that is available from the district council.

The money can help fund a variety of facilities and improvements like building new skate parks or play areas, upgrading sports pavilions, improving a community hall or purchasing life-saving defibrillators.

The current round of applications closes at 4pm on 15 October and awards will be confirmed within 12 weeks.

Earlier this year the council awarded nearly £25,000 in grants, including more than £21,000 towards improvements to four village halls, and nearly £1,500 to Grove District Guides for camping equipment.

Councillor Elaine Ware, cabinet member for grants at the Vale of White Horse District Council, said: "This money is put aside to help communities thrive and can go toward all kinds of project – big and small, we'd love to hear from as many groups as possible to help give their local area a boost.

"If a local facility in your area, such as a village hall, skate park or sports pavilion could benefit from some improvement work, speak to whoever looks after it, as they may be able to apply to us for a grant."

For more information, visit www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/grants or contact the team at grants@southandvale.gov.uk or on 01235 422405

'So Long Leonard' - 21/8/17

If you missed Faringdon Dramatic Society's Show "So Long Leonard" during Folly Fest, there's a chance to catch us again at The Trout Inn Lechlade on Sat 9th September.

Carolyn Taylor

COMPUTER SUPPORT- 21/8/17

Once again Raoul has saved me and sorted out my computer. He really is brilliant with computers and I would recommend him to anyone with any problems with theirs. Telephone Raoul at Quidne IT on 01367 700092. Brilliant service.

Jill De-Bank

Car park at Radcot- 20/8/17

Hi - my OS map shows parking at Radcot Bridge is a public car park - yet there is a sign saying it is for hotel patrons only ? any one have any ideas which is correct ?

Ken Smith

Water leak - 18/8/17

I cannot see where this should be reported to but -
Water has been running from an overflow pipe on the Telephone Exchange for at least 2-3 days.

Name and address supplied

Ed: It can be done online at <https://www.thameswater.co.uk/Help-and-Advice/Bursts-and-Leaks/Report-a-Leak-or-Burst-Pipe> or 24-hour freephone leakline on 0800 714 614

Thankyou All Saints Bell ringers- 17/8/17

Further to my posting of 6/8 and as patriarch of the Haynes family in Faringdon, I would again like to thank All Saints bell ringers for the quarter peal rung on Tuesday 16th to commemorate the sacrifice made by their fellow bell ringer and our family member George William Haynes who fell at Passchendaele in August 1917.

We were invited up to the ringing chamber to watch the ringers tuning up before the peal and then spent an enjoyable hour in the market place listening to the bells.

Ladies and gentlemen we appreciate the tribute and on behalf of the Haynes family

Thank You..

Dennis Haynes

Quarter peal - 16/8/17

All Saints ringers successfully rang a quarter peal in honour of George William Haynes, a Faringdon bell ringer who died at Passchendaele on 22nd August 1917. The quarter peal on 15th August consisted of 1288 changes of Grandsire Triples and we were privileged to meet three generations of George's descendants who came to the belfry to meet us before we started.

Jon Chamberlain

Bell Ringers - 16/8/17

Congratulations to the bellringers yesterday! I don't know how they do it. I don't know if they did it right, but it sounded good to me!

Mary Beck

Community Grants- Leader funding event- 16/8/17

22 August, 10am-12pm, Old Town Hall, Faringdon (Market Place, Faringdon, SN7 7HL – free 2 hour parking in town)

Calling farmers, businesses, community organisations, foresters and tourism providers. We have £1.55 million to award to rural projects in Oxfordshire.

Come along to find out more about what projects are eligible. There will be a brief presentation at 10.15am, otherwise please drop in at any time to talk to us. We will also be sharing information about other local opportunities.

It would be great if you can let us know you plan to attend although not essential. Our contact details are oxfordshire.leader@southandvale.gov.uk or 01235 422245.

<http://www.oxfordshireleader.org.uk/leader-information-event-22-august-faringdon/>

Felix Fund - 15/8/17

On behalf of Felix Fund the bomb disposal charity based at Vauxhall Barracks, Didcot

We would be very grateful if you could assist in fundraising at any of your forthcoming events such as family events, firework displays etc, we provide and promotional material you made need and collection buckets, we are in a difficult and very trying climate at present and all monies raised on behalf of Felix Fund go to those ex-serving and current serving members of EOD working in bomb disposal and SO15 (counter terrorism police unit) and their families

you can visit us on our website at felixfund.org.uk for a further insight into what we do to help those working in bomb disposal

Kind regards
Lucinda

The Living Nativity- 15/8/17

This Christmas, for one night only, the centre of Faringdon will be transformed into Bethlehem!

Faringdon Town Council has partnered up with a choir from the community, Faringdon Baptist church, Faringdon All Saints church and Faringdon Dramatic Society in order to create a live nativity for everyone to come and see. The Living Nativity will take place on Friday 8th December and will include live acting, live singing and live animals! #thecamelsarecoming
We need kings, shepherds, holy family members, angels and citizens so if you would like to be involved, please come along to auditions on Tuesday 5th September, at 7:30pm in the Jubilee Room at the Pump house in Faringdon. No need to prepare anything, you are welcome to just turn up!

Also, Tesco in Faringdon are having voting boxes and Faringdon Town Council are available to be voted for up until Thursday 31st August 2017, and we would really appreciate your votes!

For further information, please visit www.faringdotowncouncil.gov.uk or call 01367 240281

Highworth Community Cinema - 15/8/17

Highworth Community Cinema. Our films are shown in St Michael's Hall, Lechlade Road, SN6 7HQ on the fourth Friday of each month from September 2017 to April 2018 (except December). Admission £5 includes tea/coffee and biscuit. Details at www.highworthfilms.org.uk.

Friday 22nd September 2017 - A United Kingdom

Friday 27th October 2017- Hidden Figures

Friday 24th November 2017 - Common People

Friday 26th January 2018 - Eagle Huntress
Friday 23rd February 2018- The Olive Tree
Friday 23rd March 2018 - Burn, Burn, Burn
Friday 27th April 2018 - Queen of Katwe

Freedom of Information- Wicklesham Quarry appeal costs- 11/8/17

Council and Solicitor fees £55000
Officer Time costs £6000
Costs paid by applicant £5000
Net costs to VWHDC £56000
[See letter from VWHDC](#)
Name Supplied

Ride & Stride for churches.Saturday 9th September- 8/8/17

You are invited to take part in a sponsored walking or cycling visit to churches to raise money for the repair of historic church buildings.
Over 500 churches in Oxfordshire will be open to welcome Riders and Striders together with many thousands across the country.
Please contact jonandkaycham@tiscali.co.uk or henryboddington239@btinternet.com

Rucksack found - 6/8/17

Found today a rucksack at Radcot containing personal items. I believe the owners are from southern England and were on holiday here.
Phil Matson

Commemorative bell ringing- 6/8/17

On behalf of the Haynes family I would like to thank the All Saints bell ringers and wish them every success in their attempt on Tuesday August 15th to ring a quarter peal to commemorate the sacrifice made by their former bell ringer and our family member George William Haynes who fell at Passchendaele in August 1917
We look forward to hearing the bells although I am ashamed to admit that I don't know what a quarter peal is.
Dennis Haynes

SSE Resilience Fund info - 4/8/17

This is the reply I got- looks as if it's to do with flooding prevention
Further to your voicemail, please find attached a link to an article on our website about the funding as requested.
<https://www.floodprotectionsolutions.co.uk/single-post/2017/07/27/Community-Groups-Flood-Funding-Stream>
For your information, I have emailed out the following to Parish Councils:
Some Parish Councils are eligible to apply for on behalf of the community. The grant enables you to access funding for projects (£1,000 - £20,000) which create a stronger and more co-ordinated resilience framework for local communities.
If your Parish Council is funded by local residents via council tax then you are not eligible to apply for the fund, but you may have a local flood group that could apply? The reason for this is that these councils are regarded as a higher tier of local government as they are funded directly via Council Tax, and are responsible for their own budgets, which other Parish and Town Councils are not.
If you are eligible and are interested in securing funding to buy new equipment to create a resilience hub and enhance your community facilities then please contact me so we can help you with your application. **This vital funding** could help your community to be more prepared in the event of a significant emergency.
The deadline to apply for this funding is 13/08/17.

In the meantime, should you require any further information, then please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards

Tanya Wainwright Project Manager

Mob: 07508 422500 Office: 0115 9870358

Commemorative Bells - 3/8/17

On Tuesday 15th August at 7.30pm the All Saints bell ringers will attempt a quarter peal in memory of one of their number who died 100 years ago at the Battle of Passchendaele.
George William Haynes Died 22/08/1917 age 42. Commemorated at Tyne Cot Memorial, Belgium. He was the husband of Fanny Haynes of Elm Tree Cottages, London Street and father of five children.

Faringdon Regent Cinema is having another go at screening: * Beauty & The Beast (PG) ***- 3/8/17**

Friday 4th August at 4pm (doors 3.30pm)

At The Corn Exchange, Gloucester Street, Faringdon

Tickets in Advance from Faringdon Info Centre - 01367 240281

£3 U18s, £4 Adults, £10 Family

Tickets on Door: £4 U18s, £5 Adults, £11 Family

Our sincere apologies for not being able to screen the film last Friday due to technical difficulties. We look forward to seeing you all!

Refreshments, popcorn, sweets, ice-creams 50p FREE squash
(Please bring exact money/change if possible)

What is the resilience fund?- 3/8/17

It is offered to central southern England by the electricity company,
"We have established the fund to support communities to improve their resilience. The fund is particularly focused on projects which help vulnerable or isolated people living in our network areas.

Mary Beck

Ed: Trying to find out

SSE RESILIENCE COMMUNITY FUND - 3/8/17

Town Council has been contacted regarding the above grant which could provide funding for projects (£1,000 - £20,000) to create a stronger and more co-ordinated resilience framework for local communities.

Regrettably Town Council is not eligible for this grant but it may be possible that local community groups could be. If your group is interested in securing funding to buy new equipment to create a resilience hub and enhance your community facilities then please contact Tanya Wainwright, Project Manager, Mob: 07508 422500, Office: 0115 9870358 for further information.

PLEASE NOTE: THE DEADLINE TO APPLY FOR THIS GRANT IS 13 AUGUST 2017.

Faringdon Town Council

Break In at the Pump House Faringdon Thursday 27th July - 1/8/17

I am sad to report there was a break in at the Pump House between the hours of 5pm Thursday 27th July and 8.30am Friday 28th July.

Thieves used a ladder from a neighbouring property to gain access by forcing entry through a first floor window at the rear of the property. Two safes were stolen, one of which was extremely heavy and would need at least two people to lift.

If anyone has any information please call 101 quoting crime reference number: 4317223176. You can also report any information anonymously by calling Crime Stoppers on 0800 555 111.

Please be vigilant in securing your own properties. Make sure you lock up any ladders and keep your windows secure.

Sally Thurston

Town Clerk

New Pay and Display machines for District Council car parks - 1/8/17

<http://www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/news/2017/2017-07/new-pay-and-display-machines-district-council-car-parks>

Macmillan Coffee Morning - 29th September - 29/9/17

I would just like to say a huge thank you to all who came to the coffee morning today, including the Mayor, and gave so generously. Thank you also to Waitrose for their donations of cake, tea and coffee. Also to friends and family who baked for me. The winner of the 'guess the cake height' was Mrs Webster who very generously donated her winnings. We raised a total of £161.20. Thanks again
Helen

Local Plan Part Two, Final draft - 29/9/17

The final draft of part two of our Local Plan, which helps to set out how the district should be shaped until 2031, will be published on 11 October. Between that date and 22 November you will be able to have a say before the plan is submitted to the government for consideration by a planning inspector. This second phase sets out additional strategic development sites, smaller site allocations and detailed supporting policies. We would like to thank all of you who have already taken part in previous consultation - your feedback has been taken into consideration and has helped to shape part two of the Plan through the various stages. It is important to note that the planning inspector will be giving more weight to comments on the technical soundness of the plan - this means the comments need to relate to the legality of the plan. From 11 October, please look out for a factsheet and short video on our [website](#) explaining what this means.

We are organising events for you to find out more and submit comments. These will include an exhibition from 4pm-6.30pm followed by a public meeting at 7pm at:

- **Wootton: Monday 6 November, Dry Sandford Primary School**
- **Faringdon: Tuesday 14 November, Corn Exchange**
- **Harwell: Wednesday 15 November, Harwell Village Hall**

If you are unable to attend, you will also be able to view the final draft of the plan and submit comments on <http://www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/services-and-advice/planning-and-building/planning-policy/local-plan-2031-part-2>

Part one of the Local Plan, setting out strategic development sites and infrastructure policies, was adopted in December 2016. Further information is available on the [council website](#).

Community Interest Levy on new housing - from 1/11/2017 - 29/9/17

The CIL Charging Schedule will be implemented from 1 November 2017. Information is available on www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/services-and-advice/planning-and-building/planning-policy/delivering-infrastructure/community-infras

Large bunch of keys found, just off Canada Lane - 28/9/17

Ring 07786 494568
name supplied

Just what Faringdon needs? - 28/9/17

"Another estate agent will mean the possible lowering of fees of the others".....hahahahahahahahaha.....funniest thing I've read on here for ages, estate agents dictate the cost of property, everything I've seen for sale is ridiculously overpriced and doesn't bare any resemblance to realistic true value of houses. Two per cent of a lot is always preferable to two per cent of a little eh? Several interested parties wanted to take over the Nut Tree but were refused over one thing or another that would either make them have to jump through hoops to get permission or were given so many restrictions it would have made opening up suicide. This town always gets what it deserves, for years the town councillors blocked shops coming into town, I can well remember that even Woolworths wanted to open up in the town centre in the 70s but was refused. Roll on the building of the Argos and the B&M stores, finally Faringdonians are getting the shops they really want to shop in. Name Supplied.

Medical Practice - 28/9/17

Improvement to the appointment system, for who? certainly not patients who are unable to take calls at work or prefer to plan their schedule. An improvement would be to re-introduce routine face-to-face bookable appointments for patients who would truly appreciate this and know they are being listened to instead of suffering in silence. Name Supplied

Triage - 27/9/17

The doctors triage system seems to be working quite well. There's bound to be some who feel it is not working for them, but when you consider the time pressures and workload that the doctors, nurses, and the medical practice as a whole are under, I for one could not think of a better and fair solution. Elizabeth Mills

'Just what Faringdon needs' 26/9 - 27/9/17

The old Nut Tree building was empty for a long time. Anybody could have rented it but typical, you want new shops but don't want to get involved yourself but expect everybody else to take a risk. You say, 'surely several like minded people would stand a chance if they all banded together' So why didn't you? Another estate agent isn't ideal but it's filled an empty shop and as we lost Harpers a few years ago and Allen & Harris many years ago then perhaps there is a need. It's good to have competition, maybe fees will drop! I was disappointed to see that the front of the shop has been altered so much though and what was a buggy/wheelchair and disabled friendly access now has a step. I'm surprised this was allowed. Name Supplied.

OCTOBER HALF TERM KIDS CINEMA IN FARINGDON! - 27/9/17

Weds 25th October
Faringdon Regent Cinema @ The Corn Exchange presents:
THE LEGO BATMAN MOVIE (U)
Doors open 1.30pm, film at 2.00pm
Tickets in Advance: £3 U18s, £4 Adults, £10 Family from Faringdon Information Centre, 5 Market Place
Tel: 01367 240281
Tickets on the door: £4 U18s, £5 Adults, £11 Family
FREE squash! Sweets, popcorn, icecreams 50p

RE: IMPROVEMENTS TO Medical Practice TRIAGE SYSTEM - 27/9/17

My understanding is that the changes enable a patient to speak to the doctor of their choice for continuity of treatment - seems to make sense to me. Name Supplied

RE: IMPROVEMENTS TO Medical Practice TRIAGE SYSTEM - 27/9/17

It's difficult to see how this change is an 'improvement'. For patients it would appear to be yet another attempt to limit access to a GP by making it more difficult to make an appointment. I thought this was a public service funded by taxpayers money?

I appreciate that many people will try to see their GP with symptoms that could more sensibly be treated at the pharmacy or home. However, there are many more people, some quite vulnerable, who absolutely should see a GP and will be put off by a system that treats them as a nuisance rather than its raison d'être. Folly Man

190 houses South of Highworth Road - 27/9/17

Planning application [P16/V0775/O](#), for development work at Land South of Highworth Road Faringdon, is due to be considered at Planning Committee on Wednesday 4th October 2017. democratic.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?Cld=102&Mld=2326&Ver=4

RE: 'IMPROVEMENTS' TO Medical Practice TRIAGE SYSTEM - 27/9/17

Correction required. The message should have read:
"We are further limiting access to our GPs by introducing more changes to our booking system. From Monday 2nd October you will be able to ring and ask to speak to a GP of your choice, but will only get a call back if our triage system says you're ill enough. Otherwise you'll only get a call back from a Nurse (if you're lucky) and if we decide you're ill enough you may be offered an appointment the same day (but only if you're lucky). You will no longer be able to pre-book appointments [sorry we buried this crucial piece of information in the middle]. We are hoping that this will allow us to gain greater control of who can see a doctor, but we're selling it to you as a "better service for our patients..." If you have any questions, please speak to a member of the reception team, but we can't change anything so there's really very not much point!"
Name supplied

Ed: This is not from WHMP

Aviva Community Fund is Open- 26/9/17

Grants for communities. Application deadline is 10/10/17
community-fund.aviva.co.uk/voting/user/moreabouttheawards

Just what Faringdon needs?- 26/9/17

Just noticed that the old Nut Tree shop is now going to be another estate agents, well that will certainly drag shoppers kicking and screaming into the town wont it, just the sort of business that will have people flocking to buy a house. Of course there will be plenty to go around as local folk sell up and move away.

That lovely building would have made a wonderful arcade style of shop, four or five little businesses selling items that people actually want. No one person can afford to run a shop these days of high rent and rates, but surely several like minded people would stand a chance if they all banded together. Heyho, I look forward to standing outside the new house shop looking at houses I can't afford and listening to passers-by bemoaning how Faringdon is in it's last death throes .

Name Supplied

Ferndale Choir- 25/9/17

Great time to join in as we're starting some new songs
Every Wednesday during term time. 6.45 for 7pm start (until 8.30pm), £3.50 per session
Roman Catholic Church, Marlborough St
Louise Woodgate, a local professional singer and singing teacher, leads the choir.
No auditions, no need to read music, no experience needed- everyone welcome
It's great fun
Contact Louise louisejwoodgate@gmail.com or just turn up

Poppy sellers wanted - 24/9/17

The Royal British Legion Faringdon and District branch are looking for volunteers to sell poppies at various locations around Faringdon (market place, Tesco and Waitrose) during the Appeal from 28 October until 12 November. If you are interested please contact faringdonpoppies@yahoo.co.uk for further information.

IMPROVEMENTS TO Medical Practice TRIAGE SYSTEM- 23/9/17

We are improving access to our GPs by introducing some changes to our booking system.
From Monday 2nd October you will be able to ring and speak to a GP of your choice. Your call will be put on our triage list as it currently does but we will be asking you, "Which doctor has been treating you?", if it is an ongoing problem and this information will be added to the list.
You will receive a call back from a GP or Nurse and if it is necessary for you to be seen then you will be offered an appointment the same day. You will no longer be able to pre-book appointments so you will need to ring on the day that you wish to be seen and we will endeavour to see you that day. As long as the GP you wish to see is in that day, then we will, where possible, get your preferred GP to call you back.
It would be helpful if you could call as early in the day as possible. For calls after 4pm we cannot guarantee you will be seen that day.
There is generally a very high demand for appointments on a Monday and so we would ask that if your problem is routine, it may be best to call on another day.
We are hoping that this will allow for more continuity of care and will be a much better service for our patients.
If you have any questions, please speak to a member of the reception team, who will be happy to explain the changes we are making.

Grants for projects in Rural Oxfordshire - 23/9/17

Tuesday 10th October 2017
Standlake Village Hall
(Rack End, Standlake, Oxon, OX29 7SB [click here for a map](#) – parking at the hall)
Calling farmers, businesses, community organisations, foresters and tourism providers. We have £1 million left to award to rural projects in Oxfordshire over the next year. Come along to find out what sort of projects are eligible and to talk to us about your individual projects.
[Click here for the full Agenda](#)
Please [register here](#) via Eventbrite.
If you have any questions then please contact Oxfordshire LEADER on 01235 422245 or at oxfordshire.leader@southandvale.gov.uk
<http://www.oxfordshireleader.org.uk/>

VWHDC Community grants - 23/9/17

VWHDC offer the following grants to voluntary and non-profit organisations in the district, including town and parish councils.
www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/services-and-advice/community-advice-and-support/grants

White Horse Medical Practice Newsletter - 22/9/17

Read the Autumn Newsletter on
<http://www.whitehorsepracticeppg.org.uk/news--your-views.html>
There's info about the new integrated care service on 111 too
The newsletter is also available on
<http://www.whmp.co.uk/news.aspx?p=K84051>

Ref :: Recycling Week - 19/9/17

Interesting to see that most of the Venues are Supermarkets such as Waitrose and Tesco ..
A large proportion of my recycling is due to the Over packaging of products which I purchase from these very same supermarkets ..
Isn't it about time that manufacturers and supermarkets did their bit to reduce the ever increasing and needless amounts of packaging instead of targeting households all the time .. After all household rubbish is a very small percentage compared to Commercial ..
Toys and kitchen appliances held onto cardboard with wire , bits of plastic and screws , then placed inside boxes .. I bought a kettle which was inside three boxes , One box would have done .. A bottle of Brandy also in two boxes ..
Dean Suckling

Town Council September Newsletter - 18/9/17

You can see the newsletter and sign up to receive by email on <http://faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk/?section=1>

Orafric Sale. 30% off everything Starts 1st October- 17/9/17

While Stocks last
Open Wed- Sat 10am - 4.30pm
4a Market Place

Recycling week - 14/9/17

Advisers from South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse District Councils will be manning information stalls to coincide with the national week of recycling celebration, which runs from September 25 to 1 October.
These are taking place at:

- Charlton Park Garden Centre, Wantage: Monday 25 September, 10am-3pm
- **Waitrose in Faringdon: Tuesday 26 September, 10am-3pm**
- Tesco in Henley: Wednesday 27 September, 10am-3pm
- Asda in Wheatley (run jointly with Oxford City Council): Thursday 28 September, 10am-3pm
- Waitrose in Wallingford: Friday 29 September, 10am-3pm
- Market Place, Abingdon: Saturday 30 September, 9am-2pm

It will be the 14th Recycle Week organised by WRAP as part of the Recycle Now national recycling campaign for England. This year's theme is 'Recycling – It's Worth It' with an emphasis on the benefits of recycling items from all around the home.

Message in a Bottle - 14/9/17

The bottles are available from the Health Centre in Faringdon [Read this to find out more](#)
The Message in a Bottle scheme is a national scheme, although it is funded very locally by individual Lions Clubs for their areas; in our case the nine Clubs of Oxfordshire Lions all got together in order to keep the costs as low as possible and to ensure that the yellow form met the needs of our local health services.
If there are two people in a house, they need two bottles and to write their names on the top so that the Emergency Services get the right form first time.

Pump House Project Autumn Newsletter - 12/9/17

http://docs.wixstatic.com/ugd/aa9dc5_4754100a146a45338fa68d4545c81fb3.pdf

Re Sadlers Gastro Evening - 12/9/17

It is great to see that they are catering for time travellers ;)
"7.30pm arrival for prompt 7pm sit down."
Name Supplied

Sadlers Gastro Evening Friday 22nd September - 12/9/17

Theme ~ Corfiat (Greek Cuisine)
£25 - 5 tasting courses including the traditional kum quat liqueur!
7.30pm arrival for prompt 7pm sit down.
Email: info@sadlerscatering.co.uk or 01367 240678 for reservations.

Grants from Oxfordshire Community Foundation - 9/9/17

http://oxfordshire.org/new-grants-round-open-focusing-on-poverty-and-deprivation/?dm_i=1OSY,55LHO,LUB5YT,JSSOR,1

Fireworks- Sudbury House Hotel Saturday 16th September 2017 - 9/9/17

Please be aware that there private firework display at 21.40 on Saturday 16th September 2017 as part of a wedding celebration at Sudbury House.

White Horse Medical Practice Newsletter - 8/9/17

Read the Autumn Newsletter on
<http://www.whitehorsepracticeppg.org.uk/news--your-views.html>
There's info about the new integrated care service on 111 too
The newsletter is also available on
<http://www.whmp.co.uk/news.aspx?p=K84051>

Activities at the Pump House project - 5/9/17

Every Wednesday **Community Singing Group** - with singing tutor Emily Marshall
at The Pump House Project, Swan Lane, Faringdon 12noon - 1pm
£3 per person
A relaxed and friendly morning choir, open to all. We'll be singing songs and harmonies from around the world for well-being, for a sense of community and for fun.
Come and find your voice with others.

Every Wednesday

Cake Cafe

at The Pump House Project, Swan Lane, Faringdon
0930am - 1130am
£1 for homemade cake and a hot drink
An affordable way to meet up with friends or to socialise with new people. There is plenty of room for pushchairs and space for children to play. The daily newspapers are available and a range of board games too. For more information visit www.thepumphouseproject.co.uk

Every Monday

FIT FOR LIFE - with Denise Nethercott at The Pump House Project, Swan Lane, Faringdon

- 13.00pm-13.45pm Tai Chi
- 13.45pm-14.15pm Tea and Coffee
- 14.15pm-15.00pm Postural Stability (Strength and Balance) (Seated or standing)

£3.00 per person per class

Over 90's FREE

For all abilities. These classes allow you to participate at your own speed in a relaxed atmosphere with like-minded people.

To help improve flexibility, strength and over all fitness whilst having fun in a social setting.

For more information:

Please call Denise Nethercott on 07909 874 186 or email d.nethercott@btinternet.com

Tesco Bags of Life tokens- please put them in the Folly section. - 4/9/17

We have important work to do on the Folly Tower, that will cost a great deal of money.

The roof was repaired in 2011, electricity and fire prevention were upgraded and the staircase fixings secured, all funded from grants.

And now the Tower needs:-

- Pointing and weather proofing of the external brickwork
- Treatment of the hardwood windows, inside and out...
- Repairs to the staircase
- Decorating of the Belvedere and Lantern rooms and the entrance hall

The grant from Tesco will be a huge help

Thankyou

Gene Webb

Friend of the Folly

www.faringdonfolly.org.uk

Yet MORE new houses! - 30/10/17

I've just opened an invite to a 'consultation event' on 14th November on plans to build an extra 150 houses between The Steeds and Great Coxwell. The developers, Welbeck Land, are the people who got planning permission for 200 houses at The Steeds (now renamed Fernhill Gardens), so they're obviously hoping to increase their total tally at Steeds Farm to 350 houses. I bet VWHDC didn't see that one coming!

So, more houses, more people and more cars for Faringdon but the same town centre, car parks, roads etc. It doesn't take a genius to work out how this will end.

Final insult: the address for the 'consultation event' is given as "Faringdon Town FC Clubhouse, The Swan, 1 Park Road". Now I don't suppose they'd be trying to discourage people from attending would they?...

Name Supplied

Faringdon Sensory Garden Vote Appeal - 30/10/17

We've applied for £5,000 of Funding from the Aviva Community Fund to pay for special needs equipment and furniture for the Sensory Garden Cafe. Please vote for us, firstly and importantly and then share! share! share! Get your friends to vote for us too - they don't have to be local!

<https://community-fund.aviva.co.uk/vot.../project/view/17-4829>

Many thanks

Mel Lane

Toll House, Coxwell St - 28/10/17

Has anyone have memories or photographs of Toll House. Coxwell Street. I would love to see them, starting researching ancestry

Clare Cox

Poppy Appeal Collectors - Shrivenham and Watchfield - 25/10/17

The Poppy Appeal is looking for collectors in Shrivenham and Watchfield. Unfortunately some of the collectors who have helped us in previous years feel that they are now too elderly to continue. If you or anyone you know could spend a couple of hours any time between 28 October and 11 November we would be extremely grateful. Please contact faringdonpoppies@yahoo.co.uk.

Highworth Road Development- 25/10/17

I would like to respond to 'Folly Man's' suggestion that the planning result is a foregone conclusion. I would humbly suggest that attitudes like this encourage an apathetic approach to democratic processes, which in turn result in decisions that leave people feeling powerless. Whilst we all recognise that there is a need for housing it will not help the integration of new arrivals into the town if there is already a high level of resentment about the homes they live in. The development on Highworth Road will not be a concluded until the decision is made, and there are still many people willing to challenge this application and continue to work hard to maintain Faringdon's rural character beyond the meeting tonight.

Faringdon Female

Name supplied

Re: 190 houses on land south of Faringdon- 23/10/17

This development is the Local Plan so it's a forgone conclusion I'm afraid. However, it's progression only serves to underline the need for OCC to get on with the road improvements to the Great Coxwell/A420 junction. My understanding is that the installation of a roundabout to handle the projected increase in traffic movements was a key requirement in the planning approvals of the three large housing developments around Coxwell Road and Highworth Road.

Given the significant disruption the associated roadworks are likely to cause, combined with the length of time they will surely take, this is something that should already be underway. Unfortunately there seems to be no sign of this happening any time soon.

Perhaps one of our Vale councillors, who approved the schemes in the first place, would care to comment?

Folly Man

Faringdon Food Festival- indoors- 20/10/17

Unfortunately the outside stalls at the Food Festival tomorrow have been cancelled due to expected high winds.

DONT WORRY - the Corn Exchange will still be a hub of food!

You will still be able to get your Scout apple crumble in the Corn Exchange. Demonstrations from Sudbury top chefs begin at 10.30am. Bake off cakes need to be delivered by 10am. Judging will take place at 1pm.

Please come and say hello!

Re 190 houses on land south of faringdon- 20/10/17

We need our VVHDC councillor(s) to be like the one for West Hanney (whomever that may be) - they have managed to stop an extra estate being built there as it had no proper links to the rest of the village. Perhaps they can give ours some tips?

Name Supplied

Plans submitted for a new 3G football pitch in Faringdon- 20/10/17

Planning application submitted for a new 3G artificial turf pitch to be located next to Faringdon Leisure Centre www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/java/support/Main.jsp?MODULE=ApplicationDetails&REF=P17/V2659/FUL
Design and Access Statement says '*The economic opportunities of increasing facilities available at the Leisure Centre would mean that GLL, the operators, would be able to rent the facilities out to the wider community for use. This will also in turn generate profits for the local economy and the public. The additional facilities may also attract users from further reach to use the facilities, especially for inter-school or similar football matches.*'

Re 190 houses on land south of faringdon - 20/10/17

I am with Mark on this one we certainly don't need any more traffic Down Coxwell Rd/ Street. It is almost a single track road with all the cars parked there. The most sensible solution is to create a roundabout at the Coxwell junction on A420 allowing traffic to enter Faringdon via the park Rd and commuters to Swindon and Oxford access to the A420

John

re- 190 houses on land south of Highworth Road - 19/10/17

I am wondering where all the children are likely to go to School, as the demand for places is going to far outstrip any possible School expansion. There are still water/sewage issues to be resolved.

In addition, item 3.2. "A cumulative Transport Assessment of the major application sites in Faringdon carried out in 2014 determined that this site could contribute towards a mitigation scheme at the junction of Gravel Walk/Marlborough Road/Station Road/Coxwell Street, currently proposed to be a signalised junction".

Who came up with this crazy idea. Any signals on that roundabout will lead to traffic backing up past Budgens and blocking Market square (leading to gridlock) in addition to huge queues on Coxwell Street. Most people are headed for the A420, with queues on Park road now getting ridiculous. Sorting out the junction at Great Coxwell onto the A420 must be the top priority for Faringdon's expansion. This was promised by the Steeds Farm developers and was used as a carrot for the original planning permission. Why has it not been pushed through. The town council need to dig their heels in over this issue.

Regards Mark

Re: 190 houses on Land South of Highworth Road - 19/10/17

Looking at the document it seems to say the town gets £300k directly (20% of which is for public art!) whilst OCC get £2.5m - beginning to see why they are so keen for the town to double in size.

£230k for buses sounds a bit excessive unless the hope is that by running one every 10 minutes will stop one or two people from the estate driving to Tesco/Waitrose/Aldi?

Lights at the bottom of Coxwell Street sounds good (apart from the chaos caused by the x weeks to install them) - just a shame it will take anyone on the new estate 10+ minutes to drive that far during the day.

Name Supplied

190 houses on Land South of Highworth Road- 19/10/17

Committee Report

Includes list of Developer Contributions to infrastructure including, Pump House, Leisure Centre, Schools, Bus service, Rugby, Tennis, Bowls, trim trail

Folly Woodland- 5th best place to picnic- 17/7/17

According to the Telegraph

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/travel/uk-car-holidays/best-family-picnic-spots/>

Put your pumpkins to good use - 17/10/17

Residents in southern Oxfordshire are being encouraged to make the most of their pumpkins this Halloween.

If they cannot be used for cooking or composting, South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse District Council is asking people to recycle their pumpkins as food waste.

Householders can either cut them up and put them in their food waste bins or simply leave them out whole next to their bins on the usual weekly collection day.

<http://www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/news/2017/2017-10/put-your-pumpkins-good-use-halloween>

Euro exchange rate! - 12/10/17

Attention anyone who wants to buy euros in Faringdon. To my regret I have just discovered that the Post Office offers the most abysmal rate of exchange - worse than the bank, worse than Sainsburys etc. A notice proclaimed a rate of 1.07 and yes, I stupidly only glanced at it and didn't understand that that was ONLY if you spend £800 and buy a travel card. My transaction cost me £40 above the internet exchange rate and although I went back immediately and explained my error the staff would not refund my money. Be warned!!

HT

VWHDC Local Plan Part 2 - 12/10/17

Just launched- six week publicity period between Wednesday 11 October and Wednesday 22 November 2017. This is your final opportunity to comment and you must respond to this publicity period if you wish to be involved in the examination, even if you responded to the Preferred Options consultation undertaken in March 2017.

<http://www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/services-and-advice/planning-and-building/planning-policy/local-plan-2031-part-2>

Public events

We are also hosting public events across the district to help explain the publicity process and how to comment. The events will all provide the same information so please feel free to attend any event.

Exhibition from 4-6.30pm followed by a public meeting from 7-8.30pm will be held at the following locations below:

- **Monday 6 November:** Abingdon and Witney College, Abingdon Campus, Wootton Road, Abingdon, OX14 1GG
- **Tuesday 14 November:** Corn Exchange, Gloucester Street, Faringdon, SN7 7JA
- **Wednesday 15 November:** Harwell Village Hall, High Street, Harwell, OX11 0EX

REMINDER!- 11/10/17

Please don't forget the **SAVE THE CHILDREN** concert on Saturday 14th October 7.30pm All Saints' Church Pavlova Wind Trio, Thomas Graff (Both played recently at Buscot park Theatre) with the Bakehouse Trio, Suzanna Carter, Louise Woodgate, Ferndale Community Choir, Dave Headey will all be performing voluntarily at Faringdon - Church of All Saints' - to help the **SAVE THE CHILDREN** charity.

Your help is needed more than ever in these times of global political instability,

see <https://www.savethechildren.org.uk/>

These events don't happen by magic and the organizer, Carolyn has worked very hard over a long period of time to put on this concert so please support her and the charity by going along on Saturday and swelling the audience!

Hil Taylor

Ed Tickets £10 from Tourist Information, Pump House

Saturday 14 October The Mayor Rocks 1967- 10/10/17

Corn Exchange Faringdon 7 to 11pm

£2 entrance

1967, 50 years ago, the Summer of Love and one of the finest years for music. A benefit night to raise money for The Place featuring the music and film clips of 1967 with Mayor Mike Wise and Citizen Cane.

Event presented by Faringdon Town Council.

Scouting in Faringdon - 8/10/17

Does anyone have any information about scouting in Faringdon a long time ago? We believe that we were formed around 1910 but have no proof of this.

Do you have photos of scouting from the early part of last century (wow, that sounds a long time ago) or from the 50s or 60s?

I'd appreciate any information or images that you have as I'm putting together a new website for scouting in Faringdon and would like to add a bit of history to it.

Faith Carpenter - you can email me at website@faringdonscouts.co.uk

Flu jabs at the London St pharmacy- 5/10/17

No appointment needed- call in between 10am and 4pm.

You may be eligible for a free flu jab, if you

- are 65 years of age or over
- are pregnant
- have certain medical conditions
- are living in a long-stay residential care home or other long-stay care facility
- receive a carer's allowance, or you are the main carer for an elderly or disabled person whose welfare may be at risk if you fall ill

(see <http://www.nhs.uk/Conditions/vaccinations/Pages/who-should-have-flu-vaccine.aspx>).

If you're not eligible for a free jab it costs £10

James

Faringdon Infant and Faringdon Junior School admissions.Children born between 1st September 2013 and 31st August 2014 - 4/10/17

To Parents / Carers,

We are aware that parents and carers of children born between 1st September 2013 and 31st August 2014 will shortly be asked to complete your application for a reception place ready for September 2018. If this applies to you or someone that you know, then the following information is important in understanding how you can proceed. For the first time this year, you will be asked to make a choice regarding whether your child should be registered at Faringdon Infant School or Faringdon Junior School. The reason for this is that in September 2021, both schools are due to become all through primary schools, with the infant school moving to a new site near Roger's Concrete. In September 2021, your child will have reached Year 3 and hence we wanted to offer you the choice now of whether they will then continue their education at what is currently Faringdon Junior School or Faringdon Infant School.

We hope you will make your decision based on location as both schools are members of the Faringdon Academy of Schools and so offer the same high quality education.

In September 2018, whichever school you have chosen, your child will still be taught at the infant school for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. At this point of time, your experience of the two schools will not change and no adjustments will need to be made regarding staffing or accommodation. When the children are ready to move into Year 3 they will move seamlessly through to the junior school or continue with their education at the infant school. Applications for both schools are still made through Oxfordshire County Council Admissions service and not through the individual schools. This can be done online or by submitting a paper copy of the application form to the admissions service. The following link may help <https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/cms/content/admissions-infant-and-primary-schools>

We are sure that you may have questions and so we would like to offer you an opportunity to meet with both Head Teachers and a member of the senior management of the Faringdon Academy of Schools, on Tuesday 10th October at 6pm in Faringdon Infant School Hall.

We look forward to meeting you all.

Mrs Sharon Farrell Faringdon Junior School

Mrs Sally Robins Faringdon Infant School

Unruly children - 30/11/17

I was shocked at the behavior of a large party of uniformed children and their adult leaders in Gloucester Street on Wednesday, early evening. They were yelling and screaming so loudly all the way down the road that I couldn't hear my husband next to me, and the adults with them did nothing to try and keep the noise down. This only encourages inconsiderate behavior as they grow up.

Rachel Kenward

Protest about Lloyds - 30/11/17

We should all protest the closing of Lloyds Bank . This is disgraceful for a community this size not to have a bank. The government needs to step in and do something about these greedy bankers.

Kim Kaar

Lloyds Bank to close - 30/11/17

Just heard that the bank is to close next May.

So no banks in Faringdon- not good- it's one of the businesses that bring people into the town

Apparently the nearest will be Gorse Hill Swindon- no good for non car drivers - and there will be a mobile service

Some banking services will be available at the Post Office

<https://www.lloydsbank.com/assets/media/pdfs/contact-us/LBG-Branch-Review-Faringdon.pdf>

Ed

The Elms, Stanford in the Vale - 28/11/17

Hi i'm looking for the following cottage as i am trying to piece together my history for my family before its to late. My parents lived at Number 1 The Elms, Stanford in the Vale, Faringdon, Berkshire. I was very small at the time and seem to remember the cottage had a thatched roof, (may not as only very young at the time). The dates would have been around 1966 / 1968 i believe. I'm struggling to find any reference to this property. I think it may have been 1 half of a pair of cottages and seem to remember a hotel or something similar was built to the left hand side of the cottage. Any assistance would be grateful in locating it.

Many thanks

Andy andyouart@yahoo.co.uk

Site of Special Scientific interest (SSSI) Fernham Road- 28/11/17

The Decision notice ([P17/V3183/DIS](#)) for the new houses on Fernham Road includes new access and management plan for the SSSI

http://www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/java/support/dynamic_serve.jsp?ID=798824684&CODE=2598D83811825E93BE3ADF98E512B612

Ed

Come & give Tennis a go.- 27/11/17

With sessions for the whole family!

- Monday- Cardio Tennis 9-10am
- Tuesday- Ladies Morning- 10:30-12
- Tuesday night- Children's Tennis 5-13 Year Olds- 4:00-6:30
- Tennis Tuesdays Adults- 6:30-7:30
- Wednesday- Rusty Rackets Adult Drills and Skills- 6:15-7:15
- Friday- Ladies Morning- 10:30-12:30
- Saturday- All Play- 10-12.

For any more info please visit the club website:

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

Hope to see you having an ACE time soon!!

Boogie-Me at The Pump House Project 8-11PM- 27/11/17

Saturday 16th December

Tickets £7 in advance from:

THE PUMP HOUSE PROJECT (SWAN LANE),

DAWN AT THE CORNMARKEt BARBERS SHOP

or email tickets@boogie-me.co.uk

If not sold out (and the last one was!), tickets will be available on the door.

Considerate Construction - 26/11/17

Does anyone know if the two sets of developers currently on Coxwell Road are members of the Considerate Constructors scheme?

Think the state of the road has been really bad. It used to be that anyone signed up to the scheme had to have wheel washers for the vehicles leaving the site, not just to make the mud on the road a bit thinner at the end of the day by spreading a lot of water around.

Name supplied.

Faringdon Boundary- 25/11/17

I noticed that a number of decision notices for the large housing developments in Faringdon the planners have said 'this is in Great Coxwell so the Faringdon Neighbourhood Plan is not relevant'

On 23 October White Horse District Council – Community Governance and Electoral Issues Committee minutes states

The committee considered the report of the head of legal and democratic services on the review of electoral arrangements for a new parish of

Harwell East and the Great Coxwell and Great Faringdon parish boundary. These matters had been deferred by Council in July 2014. Jacqui Russell, of Great Coxwell Parish Council, spoke. Her points included the following:

- Great Coxwell Parish Council supports the relocation of the boundary to place the properties in Fernham Fields within the Faringdon parish. This contradicts their historic objection outlined in the report when plans for building on the site had not been finalised in July 2014.
- The proposed timetable is driven by elections in 2019 and Great Coxwell Parish Council are unhappy to be responsible for the Fernham Fields development until then and do not wish to receive the precept.
- The Steeds development should also be included in Faringdon parish.
- Andrew Marsden, Chair of the Faringdon Town Council Planning and Highways Committee, raised the following points:
 - The Steeds development should be included in Great Faringdon parish.
 - he views of Great Coxwell Parish Council included in the report are outdated and a community governance review should already have taken place.
- The officers confirmed, in response to these points, that any alteration of the parish boundaries would not be implemented until the scheduled parish council elections in May 2019. Altering the boundaries prior to May 2019 would trigger an election as the areas represented by councillors would be changed. This would incur significant costs to the parish councils affected. The timescale for the review (up to 12 months) would also not facilitate an earlier implementation of any changes to parish boundaries agreed as part of the review.

Officers confirmed that the views of Great Coxwell Parish Council expressed in July 2014 were included in the report as this was the parish's position at the time of the deferral, and additional views presented at the committee, which represented a change of position, were helpful to the committee. Any change to the parish boundary implemented as part of this review would impact on the precept for the 2019/2020 financial year.

The committee agreed to include the Steeds development, as well as the Fernham Fields development, in the review of the Great Faringdon and Great Coxwell parish boundary.

I assume this includes the development along the Highworth Road.

Given this let's hope the planners take into account Faringdon's Neighbourhood plan.

Ed

Lotus Retreat- new shop in Faringdon- 24/11/17

The Lotus Retreat (bottom of London St) is a beautiful holistic sanctuary in the heart of the historic market town of Faringdon. The Lotus Retreat offers an excellent range of holistic therapies, classes (including yoga, meditation and tai chi), accredited courses and workshops in a warm, welcoming environment. The Lotus Retreat also houses a beautiful boutique which sells unique gifts and crafts from India, including jewellery, clothes, singing bowls, block-printed fabrics, paintings, cashmere and embroidered pashminas. The Lotus Retreat is conveniently situated between Oxford and Swindon.

Whether you are visiting us for a Tibetan massage, a candle-lit yoga session, a reflexology course or a meditation evening, our aim is that you will leave the Lotus Retreat feeling re-balanced and inspired.

Here is what we have on offer – Reflexology, Reiki, Holistic Massage, Lymphatic Drainage, Acupuncture, Pregnancy Massage, Indian Head Massage, sports massage, Life Coaching, Kinesiology, Yoga, Tai Chi and Qigong, accredited courses in Massage, Reflexology and Reiki and a variety of fascinating workshops.

Carrie

The Folly from above - 22/11/17

Fabulous video of the Folly - [now on the Folly website](#)

Thankyou Nick

Gene Webb

Great Coxwell Christmas Fair- 23/11/17

3rd December 10.30-5.30

Great Coxwell are putting on their wonderful Christmas Fair again in aid of the village park and St Giles' Church, and it would be lovely to see you there.

Highlights are: Tom's fabulous wooden bowls and boards, Annabelle's handmade books, [Uffington Potters](#), [Town & Green Jewellery](#), Pauline's delectable Christmas cakes, puddings, chutneys etc, and lots more. There will be a children's Lucky Dip and a fabulous Christmas Hamper is being raffled!

Wonderful refreshments will be available all day: mulled wine, spicy soup, mince pies and delicious cakes.

WE HOPE YOU CAN COME - and do send this on to anyone else you think might like to come too.

With early Christmas cheer!

Margaret

Ed: [See poster](#)

Faringdon House Under Offer - 22/11/17

<https://search.savills.com/property-detail/gblhchlac150171#/r/detail/GBLHCHLAC150171>

Anyone know any more?

Name Supplied

Re: Foodie Paradise - 20/11/17

Before everyone goes racing off to sample the new haute-cuisine menu at one of our coffee shops, it's worth pointing out that Trevor Wynn is referring to Ben Bullen, from Sudbury House Hotel, who appeared last week on MasterChef: The Professionals.

He's head chef at the hotel's Magnolia Brasserie, and follows local chefs Marcel Nerpas, from The Eagle at Little Coxwell in 2013 and Nick

Bennett, head chef at Restaurant 56, who reached the finals in December 2015.

Our coffee shops (particularly the independents) do offer some excellent food though!
Folly Man

Foodie paradise - 16/11/17

Wonderful to see yet another chef from Sudbury House on Master chef the professionals great to have this and The Eagle at Little Coxwell and now the coffee shop in Faringdon ,you are quickly becoming a foodie paradise
Trevor Wynn

Minor Eye problems- minor eye conditions service (MECS) - 16/11/17

If you have a red, sticky, itchy, dry or gritty eye, or a red patch has appeared in the last week or so, contact a pharmacy.

Contact a [MECS optometrist](#) if you have:

- Recently occurring flashes and/or floaters
- Painful eye including pain with bright lights
- Ingrowing eyelashes
- Recent problems with your vision
- Foreign body in the eye

Haine and Smith offer this service in Faringdon. MECS is also available at Specsavers in Wantage and Witney

Illegal parking - 15/11/17

I wondered if the town council was doing anything to resolve the regular and numerous parking violations on London Street? I use this going to and from Oxford regularly and the number of vehicles parked on double yellows on the east side on the road, around the Wheatsheaf, is becoming problematic.

Stephen Smith

ED: On street parking enforcement is the responsibility of the police. In many parts of the country the County and District councils have taken on the responsibility. VWHDC have been asked to do this many times- they say it is too costly.

VWHDC Local plan part 2- 15/11/17

There are loads more houses planned for KB/Southmoor and Grove- none for Faringdon.

The 150 houses being consulted on by the developer at the moment (adjacent to Steeds farm, Gt Coxwell parish) are part of Local Plan part1 (I was told only the space is identified not the number of houses- I think originally it was 50)

I forgot to look if more houses are destined in Shriv/Watchfield - I don't think so

Here is a link to the part 2 of the plan <http://www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/services-and-advice/planning-and-building/planning-policy/local-plan-2031-part-2>

and the actual allocations

http://www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/java/support/dynamic_serve.jsp?ID=684252020&CODE=861367C91005E59613BE4C1BC9A51F6A
Ed

West Faringdon Residents Association - 14/11/17

The FIRST public meeting. Come and find out what we are doing to object to the Planning Application for the development of 190 houses to the land South of Highworth Road

Friday 17th at 7 PM - 8 PM

The Old Town Hall, Faringdon

Free parking in the Vale - 14/11/17

<http://www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/news/2017/2017-11/hunting-presents-park-free-selected-days-run-christmas>

For us it's

- Faringdon – Saturdays from 2 December

1993 when Faringdon was flooded - 13/11/17

Photos from Facebook of when Faringdon suffered severe flooding. Comments from local people too

See <http://www.faringdon.org/1993-flood.html>

More Faringdon photos on [Photos and maps](#) page

Re: A420 access from Gt Coxwell junction- 12/11/17

I've received a response from Oxford County Council's (OCC) planning department. The following is a summary of what they had to say:

Various options to improve the junction were considered, including a roundabout however, due to cost and the need to purchase private land surrounding the junction, traffic lights were chosen as the most appropriate (and affordable) solution. The feasibility of such a scheme has been discussed by OCC's planning committee and shown to their satisfaction to accommodate the extra traffic generated by the new housing developments.

To help pay for the work, contributions have been secured from the two main development sites, but these only get paid in full when the developers have sold an agreed number of houses. Until this is done, OCC will only undertake preliminary design work and completion of the upgrade to the junction is likely to be 18 to 24 months away. So until then we will all have to put up with the existing, far from satisfactory, situation!

Folly Man

Cider with Rosie - 10/11/17

A wonderful performance last evening by the Faringdon Dramatic Society. If you've got tickets you're in for a real treat

Local Yokel

Look Out for Father Christmas & Thomas the Tank Engine - 10/11/17

(Start times: weekdays 5.30pm, Saturdays 4.30pm)

Friday 1 December - Clanfield

Saturday 2 December - Faringdon Market Square, Lights-On

Monday/Tuesday 4/5 December - Watchfield

Wednesday 6 December - Faringdon (Orchard Hill, Westland Road, Highworth Road, The Pines)

Thursday/Friday 7/8 December - Shrivenham

Saturday 9 December – Faringdon (Stanford Road, Tuckers Road, Berners Way, etc)

Monday/Tuesday 11/12 December – Southmoor & Kingston Bagpuize

Thursday/Friday 14/15 December – Stanford-in-the-Vale

Saturday 16 December – Faringdon (Bloor Estate, Park Road, Bromsgrove)

Monday 18 December – Uffington, Fernham, Little Coxwell

Tuesday 19 December – Watchfield, Longcot

Wednesday 20 December – Faringdon (Health Centre, Rawdon Way, Sandshill, Marlborough Gardens, Folly View Road)

Thursday 21 December – Hatford, Buckland, Littleworth

Friday 22 December – 5.30 to 5.45 Village Hall Great Coxwell, Faringdon (Coleshill Drive, Fernham Road, Fernham Gate)

Should any changes become necessary due to circumstances, they will be announced on Facebook.

Rotary Club of Faringdon & District

Lost cuddly toy- 9/11/17

Whilst battling to put my 3 year old in his car seat in Budgens Car Park on Weds eve after picking his bro up from Beavers, I hastily put his rather large cuddly toy dog on the roof of my car... only to drive off.. Ooops. We went back to retrace tracks, literally only 15 minutes later but no joy. If anyone finds a light brown large toy fluffy dog with a Passport around his neck (stating Dudley) but his actual name is Ralph please can you contact me. We miss him.

I left Budgens car park and took a right at the T junction, passing Bobina etc - have no idea where he could have been flung off, but any eagle eyed passers by would be much appreciated by a guilty mummy and a distraught 3 year old.

Thanks!

Melissa K

Ed: After posting on this site, the cuddly toy was restored to it's owner

Re: A420 access from Gt Coxwell junction - 7/11/17

- that actually sounds like a good idea, but will it be in place soon? or will it be subject to the "we've sold the last house... we never said we'd pay for that... the council have no money to provide it..." so nothing happens for 2 years.

I would say it needs to be sooner rather than later so people regularly using the A420 will have time to get used to sometimes having to come to a stop on what's normally been the fastest section past Faringdon.

Blue wizard

A420 access from Gt Coxwell junction- 8/11/17

I actually had to ask the question about what was happening. It turns out that it is currently proposed to install "smart" traffic lights. This means that they will stay green on the A420 until a vehicle trying to join it from the Gt Coxwell junction approaches when they will turn red to allow that vehicle out.

It would help if the proposals were in the public domain.

Green Witch

Performers wanted - 7/11/17

Jigsaw Stage Productions (Wantage) are looking for children aged 7-13 years to perform in their April 2018 production of 'Oliver'.

Performances will take place at the 'Beacon', Wantage & 'Cornerstone', Didcot.

Auditions will be held on Sat 18th November at Old Mill Hall, Grove

OX12 7LB. Phone 01235 767509 for further details.

[See poster](#)

Housing developments - 7/11/17

In response to Faringdon Female's posting I'd like to point out that the decision to approve the Highworth Road development was taken by Vale of the White Horse District Council's planning department many months ago. So it is, I'm afraid, a foregone conclusion. I should know as I have closely followed the process for all three (four if you include Humpty Hill) new housing developments in Coxwell Road and Highworth Road. I attended the planning meetings, wrote letters of objection and encouraged friends to do the same. All to no avail, sadly, as the district council's hunger for housing has meant all but one scheme has been approved, with little thought on their impact on the town to which they're attached.

Hence my point about the junction with the A420; nothing seems to be happening to address the significant increase in the number of vehicles trying to get onto the road every morning. A roundabout has been discussed but there's no sign of a definite plan and Oxford County Council couldn't help when I enquired.

As another poster has said; if you truly want to help you first need to understand the planning process, in particular read the Local Plans.

There is one scheme you could still fight, however, and that's the proposal for a further 150 houses at the Steed's Farm location. A consultation meeting has been organised by the developers on Tuesday, November 14, 2017 between 14:00 and 19:30 at Faringdon Town Football Club Clubhouse in Tucker Park.

The Vale of White Horse District Council's local plan will also be exhibited the same day at the Corn Exchange between 16:00 and 18:00 followed by a public meeting from 19:00 – 20:30.

I look forward to seeing Faringdon Female at both!

Folly Man

Tuesday November 28th FREE Lantern making Workshop- 7/11/17

COME AND MAKE A LANTERN

THAT WILL BE USED AS PART OF THE FARINGDON NATIVITY Artist Emily Cooling

Corn Exchange 6-9pm

Adults only 20 places on a first come first served basis to book visit www.faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk

Your Lantern will be used as part of the performance but will be available for collection after the event. All materials provided
LINK to book lanterns: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/free-lantern-making-workshop-tickets-39480213381>

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Funds for scouting- biggest ever- 6/11/17

Wow! We are so pleased to announce a record-breaking £974.67 profit from our food tent at the fireworks last night! Thanks so much to all who helped on the night and setting up beforehand. Thanks also to Pat Thomas and the Rotary club, but mostly to all of you who bought food and hot chocolate from us on the night and supported your local Scouts!

Alex Molton

Good food at The Bell - 4/11/17

Great fish at the Bell last evening- I had the small fish and chips- which was more than enough for me (£7). The refurbished restaurant looking good.

Great food, great value and cheerful, thoughtful service from the young waiters and bar staff.

Good luck to the Bell. Faringdon needs another good restaurant.

Local Yokel

The planning process- 3/11/17

Folly man was correct in saying that the Highworth Road development was a foregone conclusion, because it was allocated in the Local Plan Part 1, which was passed in December 2016. The accusation of apathy is misplaced. Unfortunately many local people only get interested in planning issues once it's far too late. You need to understand the planning process.

Challenge things by all means, but it's pointless to challenge decisions that have already been made, and this was one of them. If people want to understand the planning process, I suggest starting with the Local Plan Part One, which contains allocated housing and employment sites, and Part Two, which has not yet been passed. Of special sensitivity is the status (& future) of the 'preferred options' sites, which are NOT allocated, but remain potentially vulnerable to development. One of these is on Coxwell Road, and is also part of Great Coxwell parish.

Welbeck Land are angling to put another 150 houses there.

Name supplied

Ed: You can register for email alerts from VWHDC, including planning applications. If I remember correctly you could specify the radius of the area you're interested in. I wanted all of Faringdon so I had to ring them and ask for this as the range options on the form aren't big enough.

<http://www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/news-and-events/keep-me-informed/email-alerts>

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VWHDC Local Plan Part 2 consultation - 3/11/17

The Vale of White Horse District Council's local plan will be exhibited at the Corn Exchange

Tuesday 14 November: Corn Exchange, Gloucester Street, Faringdon, SN7 7JA 4 - 6.30pm followed by a public meeting from 7 - 8.30pm

<http://www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/services-and-advice/planning-and-building/planning-policy/local-plan-2031-part-2>

Permission for 25 houses on Fernham Road - 3/11/17

<http://www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/java/support/Main.jsp?MODULE=ApplicationDetails&REF=P15/V2649/O>

150 houses Coxwell Road- outline planning consent consultation- 2/11/17

Tuesday, November 14, 2017 2:00pm - 7:30pm

Faringdon Town FC Clubhouse

Tucker Park, Park Road SN7 7BP

Faringdon Town Football Club ([map](#))

This is the area of land between Great Coxwell and the Steeds development

See <https://www.coxwellroadfaringdon.com/about>

If you can't get to the event you can have your say via the above website

War Memorabilia wanted - 2/11/17

Members of the public can either drop off items at the Information Centre or on the 9th of November in the Old Town Hall from 10:00 am

All items will be signed in and out and looked after with great care.

Planning permission granted for former Ferndale School, Bromsgrove - 2/11/17

8 flats and 2 houses

www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/java/support/dynamic_serve.jsp?ID=788383249&CODE=D02501A607CF21431A50F580C9CDDE51

Dog First Aid course This Sunday 05/11/17 - 2/11/17

10am - 1:30pm at Danetree Medivet Faringdon, taught by an experienced vet (and a lovely terrier)!

We offer the only CPD accredited Emergency Canine Care course in the UK, and have worked with the MoD, police dog handlers & Search &

Rescue, among others. We cover a wide range of scenarios including drowning, burns, seizures, CPR and bleeding. This allows you to fulfil your duty of care if you work with dogs, and gives pet parents peace of mind that they can act in an emergency.

We also offer hosted courses which can be used to raise money for a business or animal charity.

The qualification is valid for 3 years, cost is £49.50pp We have a small number of places still available.

For details contact Marianne at marianne.thomas@dog-first-aid.com, 07925882453. Website www.dog-first-aid.com

Waste and recycling - 30/12/17

I heard something on the radio about contaminated recycling. Thought I'd have a check to see whether I was putting all the right things in my recycling. I wasn't.

It seems there's a whole load of things that look like plastic, or paper but cannot be recycled.

I had been putting things in recycling if I wasn't sure. Have stopped doing that now

It is not always clear on packaging whether it recycles or not.

I found out:

- Recycling material collected in the green wheelie bin is sent to Materials Recycling Facility (MRF) in Edmonton in London. Here the recycling is sorted and sold onto reprocessing companies.
- Rubbish gets burned and turned into energy (At Ardley, Middleton Stoney, OX27 7AA) <https://viridor.co.uk/our-operations/energy/energy-recovery-facilities/ardley-erf/>
- Food waste goes for anaerobic digestion (becomes fertilizer) at Crowmarsh Gifford Wallingford . <https://www.agrivert.co.uk/food-waste-recycling/learn-about-anaerobic-digestion>

Some leaflets that look useful

[What happens to stuff I put in my bins](#)

[What happens to my waste - Oxfordshire](#)

Vale of White Horse's recycling statistics can be found via this website <http://www.wastedataflow.org/> which is available to the general public to view- I didn't get anything from this- too difficult

Anyone else got any info ?

Name Supplied

'Read all about it'- 22/12/17

Newsletter from the Town Council on faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk/?section=1

Interesting info- flag competition, meeting, the Nativity, Childrens Centre, Markets next year, 800th anniversary of our Market Charter

Design a flag to celebrate Faringdon's 800th Market Charter Anniversary. - 22/12/17

The chosen design will be flown over Faringdon to mark this very special year.

aringdon Town Council invites residents to submit a design for our Market Charter flag. The flag will be the symbol for our anniversary year.

The flag should:

- Honour Faringdon's past, celebrate our present and our future
- Have a simplicity of design and clarity of colour
- Be easily recognisable and distinctive
- Be designed to be flown – and so should be identifiable when in movement and when at rest
- Be on A4 or A3 paper
- Can be hand drawn or digitally produced.

Your design can be submitted in the following ways:

- By email to sally@faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk
- By hand to: The Information Centre, 5 Market Place, Faringdon
- By Post to: Sally Thurston, Faringdon Town Council, 5 Market Place, Faringdon, SN7 7HL

This competition is open to all residents of Faringdon of all ages.

Closing date: 31st January 2018 Winner announced: 5th February 2018 Flag raised: 6th March 2018

Faringdon Town Council

The Folly woodland- 21/12/17

The heavy snow last week caused a good deal of damage to the trees at the Folly. Some big limbs were broken and lots of smaller branches came down. A group of 6 Friends of the Folly have collected it together and piled it up round the perimeter.

Thanks to all those who have helped

The path to the Folly was obstructed by fallen limbs. These have now been cleared by Faringdon Town Council, Sudbury House and I think Oxfordshire County Council.

Be careful when walking on this path- it is very slippery due to the soggy decomposing leaves on the tarmac. VWHDC were first contacted in October, when most leaves had fallen, and many times since. It has yet to be cleaned.

Gene Webb

Beware- slippery mud on Coxwell Road - 21/12/17

Be very careful driving along the road near the Fernham Fields housing development. The lorries are leaving a considerable amount of mud on the road- very slippery in these damp conditions.

The contractors are meant to clean up at the end of every day (and take care during the course of the day)

Judith Heathcoat, our County Councillor, is on the case

Name Supplied

The Star- 19/12/17

Lovely to see the star on top of the folly.

Mary Beck

White Horse Practice patient group- 16/12/17

You can find the minutes of the December patient group meeting (and previous ones)

on <http://www.whitehorsepracticeppg.org.uk/meetings--events.html>

The Autumn Newsletter can be found on www.whitehorsepracticeppg.org.uk/news--your-views.html. The next one will be Spring 2018

Thankyou Tesco- 15/12/17

Thank you to all of the Tesco customers who kindly donated to our annual bag pack on Saturday-we raised an amazing £273.13!

Thanks also to Tesco for supporting your local Scout group!

Alex Molton

Changes to Faringdon.org- 15/12/17

I've had a go at changing this website so that it works better on mobile devices. It was mostly about changing layout so that the important info appears first and pictures are below

Hope it's better

Ed

Faringdon Nativity Slideshow - 13/12/17

In the [Photos and maps section on this site](#)

Thankyou Anna

The Camels- a video clip- 12/12/17

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mKzCx5YV76l&feature=youtu.be>

Thankyou Keira

Miss Towns. Headmistress- 12/12/17

I have some sad news to pass on: I have heard from her nephew that Miss A J (Joan) Towns Headmistress of Faringdon County Grammar School for Girls in the 1950s, 60s and 70s passed away peacefully in her sleep on December 2, 2017, aged 102 years.

Miss Towns' Funeral will be at 12 noon on Wednesday 20th December at St Peter's Church, Leiston Road, Theberton, Leiston, Suffolk. IP16 4RX. There will be light refreshments afterwards in the adjacent Jubilee Hall - Anyone who would like to attend is welcome.

Family flowers only please but donations, if desired, made payable to Farthing Funeral Service Ltd. Client Donations Account (to be divided between Digestive Disorders Foundation, Suffolk and St. Peters Church Theberton) may be sent to Farthing Funeral Service, 650 Woodbridge Road, Ipswich, IP4 4PW.

Ivor Hunt

Recycling advice THE RECYCLING ASSOCIATION ADVISES IF IN DOUBT, THROW IT OUT WHEN RECYCLING AT HOME- 11/12/2017

If in doubt, throw it out when recycling at home says the UK recycling industry.

The Recycling Association is providing this simple advice because the public are often unsure whether household items are recyclable or not.

Packaging is becoming increasingly complex, while local authorities can have completely different collection schemes compared to neighbouring ones adding to the confusion.

But The Recycling Association is saying that you should always recycle **clean, single material plastics, paper, metal cans and glass in your recycling bin.**

If an item of packaging is made of multiple materials and you aren't sure whether it can be recycled or not, it is better to put it into your general waste bin than your recycling bin.

This is because almost one fifth of the material collected for recycling from households is material that cannot currently be recycled.

The Recycling Association chief executive Simon Ellin said: "Some people may think they should put it in the recycling just in case it can be recycled and do the right thing. But often, this can lead to more contamination of the materials that can genuinely be recycled. "So our advice to people is *If in doubt, throw it out* as that is better than putting the wrong items in the recycling bin."

This has been backed up by a survey undertaken by The Recycling Association that found that the public know you can recycle the simplest household items, but get confused when the products are more complex.

For more information, contact: The Recycling Association chief executive Simon Ellin on 07970 549 536 or Adrienne Robins at Hanicke Robins Sanderson on 07855 643094 or Paul Sanderson at Hanicke Robins Sanderson on 0774 778 5980

- The survey was undertaken between 23 and 28 November. 57 independent people were interviewed about their recycling habits. All of them said that they recycled at home.

- 17% of material sent to Scottish materials recycling facilities was contamination <https://www.sepa.org.uk/media/306565/materials-recovery-code-the-quality-of-recyclables-processed-at-mrfs-in-scotland.pdf>

VWHDC said 'we always advise to check our literature and website for information on whether something is recyclable if you are unsure. Due to issues with contamination we do advise that if you are really unsure if an item is recyclable or not to place it in the black/grey refuse bin and not the green recycling bin.

If there are any specific items you want clarification on please get in touch'

[What can be recycled by VWHDC](#)

CANNOT be [recycled by VWHDC](#)

Medical Centre car park- 11/12/17

Message from WHMP 'We are trying our best to clear the car park today but the icy conditions forecast for tomorrow may mean that we are forced to close the car park. Please be prepared to park nearby and walk.'

Faringdon Nativity- 9/12/17

It was brilliant- so very well done.

There are many photos on facebook. I'm hoping to have a link to them on this site- for non facebook users

Ed

The draft locality plans for GP practices and primary care in Oxfordshire.available for comment- 7/12/17

These are now published and available for comment until 17 December. Each Plan identifies the priorities of the local area and outlines ways to make GP services more sustainable and responsive to patient's needs With health and care services under significant pressure no single GP practice or provider organisation has one solution. However the draft plan maps out how GP practices can work together and with other providers to ensure sustainability and improvements in patient care.

We are grateful for all the patient feedback and to those who have engaged and helped us to develop the plans thus far. We would now like to hear your views on the ideas and proposals in each of the Locality place based plans for Oxfordshire. To read the place based plan for each of the Localities in Oxfordshire and to take part in the surveys, please click on the link below:

South West (Faringdon, Wantage, Abingdon, Didcot and surrounding villages): <https://consult.oxfordshireccg.nhs.uk/consult.ti/SWLocalityPlan/consultationHome>

Here you will find a link to the plan and details of how you can comment.

Following this second phase of engagement we will collate and analyse all the feedback and input into the final plans. A final engagement report will be published alongside the plans in January 2018.

Post office improvement/Lloyds closure - 6/12/17

Lloyds closure was predicted long ago and I would have been more than happy to take on the extra workload at the post office. McColls made a mistake letting me go. I Loved my job in McColls and helping the community. For 6 years I earned less than £7 an hour and I was rarely rewarded for my loyalty or paid overtime by my employers - The work was stressful at times but helping the customers satisfied me always. I personally thought I was doing a rather good job as manager. If I wasn't then I apologise.
Julie Leach

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[See the poster](#)

Lloyds Bank Closure - 4/12/17

The truth is Lloyds do not care ! their response to a petition will be to park the "Lloyds Mobile Bank" in the square 3 times a week. Sorry but we went through the same thing in Highworth. Your only course of action is to close your account, not ideal but that is what we did in protest.

Name Supplied

Lloyds Bank closure petition - 3/12/17

The news of the closure of Lloyds Bank is I think a step too far for our town. This is a valuable, well used service in our community. The alternatives are not great and will not be available to many people currently using the bank so I think that we should take action to get Lloyds to reconsider this decision. I have set up an online petition (link below) please do sign and tell your friends.

Many thanks

<http://www.getpetition.com/petitions/stop-closure-lloyds-bank-faringdon>

Sally Fox

Post Office improvement - 1/12/17

With Lloyds bank closing. Which is such a shame. Can anything be done to improve the post Office. There is only one serving. Always a queue because of this. Why with a growing town are Faringdon services useless.

Name supplied

ED: Maybe it's worth telling McColls about the quality of the service at the Post Office. You can do it online via a contact form <http://www.mccolls.co.uk/customer-service.aspx> or phone 01277 376374 Mon to Fri

Consideration for cyclists. - 1/12/17

Please, please could car drivers give a little consideration to cyclists. Not all of us are lycra clad leisure / lifestyle cyclists, some use the humble push-bike as a means of transport. I would plead with drivers that they dip their headlights when they see a cyclist - we also has eyes and if we hit pot holes, etc it tends to hurt. If you dazzle us we can't see quite as well! Odd that! Of course there are some 'cyclists' that don't help themselves, but don't tar us all with the same brush. Some of us have proper lights set up correctly so they don't annoy others and don't feel we have more right to the road than other users.

Name Supplied