

Housing developments in Faringdon since WW2- 31/12/18

I've just started creating a page about the Housing developments in Faringdon over the years. Much is guess work, with some research on the Vale's Planning system.

Anyone who can add anything- please get in touch. I'd like to add the number of houses and a year (albeit roughly) for each development

[See this page](#)

Thanks v much Gene

Swindon and District Samaritans. Volunteer evening. Tuesday 8th January- 30/12/18

We are always seeking dependable people willing to donate some of their valuable time to help us at Swindon & District Samaritans – so please come along and find out more without obligation

Chiseldon House, Stonehill Green, Westlea, West Swindon SN5 7HB

contact: 01793 526430 or email: samsrecruitment@btconnect.com to register your interest

19:00 – 21:00

We have a range of volunteering roles available including as listening volunteers ...as a Samaritan volunteer put it:

“I've learned so much about life and people. It's humbling and rewarding to be able to help in some way by being there for people who need us”

Please do come and find out more about us in person!

If you need to know anything further, please do get in touch. Alternatively, check

out: <https://www.samaritans.org/branches/swindon-district-samaritans/volunteer-opportunities>

Faringdon Shops and Businesses- changes over the years- 30/12/18

Do have a look at this page that lists the shops and businesses we used to have in Faringdon.

Much is done from memory, so could be wrong.

If you know more , please do get in touch

Gene Webb

The Star- 21/12/18

How lovely to see the star shining out from the Folly tower. Many thanks to all involved.

Lynn Pettit [Past shops and businesses](#)

Ed: *Peter White has put a light on the Folly Tower since 2000. This is wholly voluntary. and done for the enjoyment of the people of Faringdon.*

THANKYOU Peter - and a few Folly volunteers who help him carry the equipment to the top.

World War 1 and 2 War memorial commemorations- 19/12/18

Many of you will know that Mike Wise (former Town Mayor) has researched every name on the War memorials in Faringdon. He has produced a book, copies of which are in the library and the Town Council offices. You can now see the information he has found on this website.

[See World War 1](#) commemorations

[See World War 2](#) commemorations

You'll notice that there are 2 WW2 names without information - C Hill and AJ Davis. If anyone has any information about these 2 men, please do contact Mike Wise.

What a great job. Thanks Mike

Gene Webb

Drop in and sing- 19/12/18

A relaxed, friendly approach to singing - no experience needed - no auditions - ability to read music not necessary - pop, folk, gospel & world music - all taught by ear

2 til 4.30

19th Jan, 10th Feb, 9th March

12th May, 1st June, 13th July

12th October, 9th November, 7th December

at Wanborough Village Hall, SN4 0AD

All Welcome – especially those who think they can't sing!

£10 payable on the door (inc' song sheets and refreshments)

To book your place contact: Vicky Sweeney 07593 833943 vicky@singtastic.co.uk

I love the town of Faringdon- 15/12/18

Fairly new facebook page for all the good news about Faringdon

I think you can see it without signing up to facebook.

Do try it- let me know? Thanks

[I love the Town of Faringdon facebook](#)

Ed

White Horse Medical Practice Facebook page - 11/12/18

See <https://www.facebook.com/whitehorsemedical/> for practice news and information.

You don't have to have joined facebook to see the information posted (by WHMP staff)

Fancy a bus trip to Witney this Thursday 13th Dec?- 10/12/18

Faringdon Community Bus will be running a trip.

Cost £5

Departs from Faringdon Market Place at 1.15pm

Returns from Witney at 4.00pm

Tickets can be purchased at Faringdon Information Centre in the Market Place

Opening hours: 9am-4pm Mon-Fri, Sat 9.30am-1pm

Tel: 01367 240281

Memory Support Group, Faringdon - 9/12/18

The group has grown to over 20 members since it began in April 2016. We offer a warm welcome twice a month for people with dementia and their carers to come together and share experiences. We organise a variety of activities that are stimulating, thought provoking and fun.

Activities include seated exercise sessions, craft sessions and reminiscence sessions where we talk about members' childhoods, wedding days, anniversaries and other special events. Every member is given a memory box on the first visit to fill with their special items which they can share with the group.

Over time members become friends and often meet one another outside the group setting. The group often makes a big difference to both people living with dementia and carers, enabling them to share their experiences and help each other for ideas and support. They draw strength from speaking to others who are travelling a similar journey.

It is a place where you can relax and be yourself, where you are supported; and where there is always a Dementia advisor on hand to have an informal chat.

Peter Johnson, Head of Dementia Support Services, Age UK Oxfordshire said: Faringdon Group is a great example of people coming together to share with and learn from each other. Our Dementia Advisors are able to offer both informal advice and organise specific training and support based on the requests of members. We're very grateful to the volunteers who do the work behind the scenes to ensure the group works smoothly.

Ed: This group exists though the initiative of a local volunteer. She made it happen and is still involved.

Lego Mini Figure Hunt 1st to 22nd of December- 7/12/18

Search in the windows of local businesses in town to find the hidden Lego mini figures
Collect an £1 entry form from the Faringdon Information Centre with all proceeds going to The Place.

Win £50 Lego Voucher from Toy Planet

A postcard from Faringdon. Article in Cotswold Life 26/11 - 2/12/18

'Faringdon upholds old fashioned values through it's traditional shops, personal service and shop owners who go an extra mile to make their customers feel at home'

<https://www.cotswoldlife.co.uk/out-about/places/a-postcard-from-faringdon-1-5795357?fbclid=IwAR1Mh4zicleg1jGv69igdEt8JfChZKK6lIXftQk-N70ltIEQhvjNWgOUWg4>

Multiple thefts- Carterton, Witney Faringdon- 1/12/18

<https://news.thamesvalley.police.uk/news/cctv-appeal-for-witnesses-following-multiple-thefts-carterton-faringdon-and-witney-335223>

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Mamma Mia! Here We Go Again (PG) - 26/11/18

Friday 30th November @ The Regent Cinema, Faringdon Corn Exchange 7.30pm
(doors 7pm)

3 day Road Closure in Feb 2019- 21/11/18

<http://faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/11/TTRO-Notice-T6086.pdf>

Planning application Bromsgrove - 16/11/18

Approval has already been given for the 4 new flats near Portway (Ferndale School site) to access onto Portway.

This new planning application is seeking this to be changed for the access to become Bromsgrove instead.

There is no explanation as to why the builder wants this to happen.

<http://www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/java/support/Main.jsp?MODULE=ApplicationDetails&REF=P18/V2776/FUL>

Faringdon Library - 16/11/18

We now have a 5 to 8s junior book club . Third Saturday of the month, 11.45 -12.15
All new readers welcome!

Avoid Cooking Fires- advice from the Fire Service - 16/11/18

Did you know that 1 in 3 people rescued from house fires in Oxfordshire are rescued from cooking fires? Or that distraction is the main cause of cooking fires?

It's easy to get distracted - the phone rings, someone's at the door or a TV show catches your attention. If you need to leave your cooking, even for a couple of minutes:

- turn down the heat
- set the timer
- or ask someone to watch it for you

Or could find that Oxfordshire Fire & Rescue Service firefighters join you for dinner!

Find out more at: www.365alive.co.uk/cooking

FARINGDON TOWN COUNCIL MEETING 26 NOVEMBER - 12/11/18

I think it may be a little-known fact – and certainly little discussed – that In Faringdon we pay more to our Town Council than the residents of any other community in the Vale pay to their Town or Parish Council.

And we are the only community to pay more to the local Council than to the District Council.

Here are the figures for 2018-2019 for Band D properties (the standard basis of comparison):

Faringdon Town Council £133.52

Abingdon Town Council £126.33

Wantage Town Council £ 74.08

VOWH District Council £126.69

Opinions will no doubt vary on the extent to which we receive value for money. But there is surely an arguable case for suggesting that the differences between the precepts for Faringdon, Abingdon and Wantage need looking at. And also that the Town Council should rely on housing growth to fund any increases in expenditure rather than increase the level of precept.

This issue should be discussed on the 26th.

Name supplied

Town Meeting 26th November 2018 - 12/11/18

To discuss Faringdon Town Councils budget for 2019/2020

Corn Exchange, 7.30

Presentation of draft budgets. Residents will have an opportunity to put forward their suggestions for projects

Festival of Remembrance Market Place 11/11/18- 11/11/18

I have to say that Faringdon did itself proud with the turnout for the ceremony in the Market Place. Very well attended and a pleasure to be there.

Faringdon folks, well done

Colin Eddy

Ed: It was so well attended and so well done. The last post was played beautifully and the piper added poignancy to the wreath laying.

Dawn piper - 11/11/18

When The Battle's Over. Faringdon, 6am 11th November 2018. 2500 pipers across the country take part in a national tribute to 100 years of Remembrance.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/2215583620/?ref=bookmarks>

A beautiful tribute- thankyou Sjoerd

Ed

Memorial weekend road closure- 10/11/18

<http://faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk/remembrance-road-closures/>

I can't see the date/time on the FTC web page or on the Order notice, but I guess it's in the morning of Sunday 11th

Ed

War Memorial dates - 9/11/18

Sally Harris has asked why it has 1919 not 1918 on the War Memorial ?

I think you will find that the Armistice was on the eleventh of November 1918 but the official end of world War one was January 1919.

Bill Law.

Ed see https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Treaty_of_Versailles

A question about the War memorial - 8/11/18

I wondered if anyone knew why the dates on the War Memorial in town are 1914 - 1919 rather than 1918?

Sally Harris

Thankyou - 8/11/18

I would like to say a big THANK YOU to all the Town businesses who have dressed their windows so appropriately for the Commemoration of the Centenary of the ending of the First World War in November 1918. There are several windows dressed, but the most awesome and moving has to be the one in the Co-Operative Funeral Directors window, depicting the British Tommy.

If you have not seen this, it is best viewed during the evening for the background colouring. A great tribute.

At this special time, it is a pity someone has to "take" the poppies from the Old Town Hall War memorial from the W.I. display !

Joy Blake

Youth grants- Faringdon Town Council - 5/11/18

Up to £5k available for projects that:

- Helping and supporting young people
- Tackling crime and anti social behaviour
- Youth Festivals and opportunities
- School councils to invest in local projects
- Assisting vulnerable young people
- Assisting young people in gaining employment, education and training

See <http://faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk/youthgrantfunding/> for the grants policy and the application form

Deadline 21st December. Information from rebekah@faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk

'Women Hold up Half the Sky' Saturday, 17th November- 1/11/18

In celebration of 100 years of Votes for Women

Corn Exchange Faringdon 11.00 - 5.00

18 and under free entry

Tickets £3 (includes drink and cake) cash only from Mustard Seed, Stay Grounded and Gifted Magpie

[See the full program](#)

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Balanceability Training Course - Free - 30/10/18

Would you like to learn how to teach beginners to cycle? Farcycles, the local cycling group, are offering to sponsor you to learn to teach beginners to cycle safely. This ONE DAY course usually costs £140 (+VAT).

Our vision is to give all children and adults in Faringdon the opportunity to learn to cycle. We plan to train a group of volunteers to help us with this.

If you are interested, contact Farcycles@gmail.com

Planned build for six two bed flats on the site of the old private school - 30/10/18

- access to be via very narrow entrance to church car park from Portway ! This is a very busy school run area with children running around and playing happily in the school holidays . WHY do we need more builds? Is Faringdon not bursting at the seams all ready? I have lived here the whole of my life and I'm very sad to see it die . We have No community feel anymore. I understand that local council are against this access, however it seems to be going ahead ! No space for emergency services to turn around , children at high risk of harm and yet more homes in Faringdon ! I believe Oxford and Witney should start looking at there own area now as they have completely ruined our town ... please stand up to this and fight .

Lorraine:)

www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/java/support/Main.jsp?MODULE=ApplicationDetails&REF=P18/V1732/FUL

Free Parking in Faringdon + - 29/10/18

We're providing FREE parking in our district council owned car parks in the run up to Christmas. Take advantage of this offer up to Christmas Eve and enjoy shopping locally and buying the perfect gifts in the impressive range of independent shops we have in our towns.

You can park for free at the following locations and dates:

- Abingdon - each Saturday from 1 December
- Faringdon - each Saturday from 1 December
- Wantage - each Friday from 30 November

VWHDC

Money for Faringdon library and Social Care - 28/10/18

Oxfordshire County Council have been holding (S106) money from housing developers for a number of years. Most of it needs to be spent by midway in 2023 else it will have to be returned to the developers

£83k+ for Faringdon Library

£105k- Health and Social care/Day care

[The details are in this Excel file](#)

Judith Heathcoat , our county councillor, has agreed to ensure this money is spent in Faringdon

LOOK OUT FOR FATHER CHRISTMAS WITH THOMAS THE TANK ENGINE. -

28/10/18

3rd to 22nd December (Start times: weekdays 5.30pm, Saturdays 4.30pm)

Monday/Tuesday 3/4 December - Shrivenham

Wednesday 5 December - Faringdon (Orchard Hill, Westland Road, Highworth Road, The Pines)

Thursday/Friday 6/7 December - Watchfield

Saturday 8 December – Faringdon (Bloor Estate, Park Road, Walnut Court, Wills Close, Bromsgrove)

Monday/Tuesday 10/11 December – Southmoor & Kingston Bagpuize

Wednesday 12 December – Faringdon (Gloucester Street, London Street, Pulling Close, Haynes Close)

Thursday 13 December – Watchfield

Friday 14 December - Clanfield

Saturday 15 December – Faringdon (Stanford Road, Nursery View, Tuckers Road, Berners Way, The Lees)

Monday/Tuesday 17/18 December – Stanford-in-the-Vale

Wednesday 19 December – Faringdon (Century Close, Rawdon Way, Townend Road, Marines Drive, Marlborough Gardens, Folly View Road)

Thursday 20 December – Uffington

Friday 21 December – Buckland

Saturday 22 December – Faringdon (Fernham Fields, Wearn Road, Coleshill Drive, Fernham Road, Leamington Drive, Carters Crescent, Fernham Gate)

Coffee morning in aid of Action Aid- 26/10/18

10 30 - 12 on Saturday 3rd November at The United Church to raise money for Action Aid.

Specifically to build classrooms at a primary school in Rwanda

Please drop in and support Action Aid.

Faringdon United Church

Volunteers wanted- 24/10/18

Wantage advice centre but in Faringdon - see [Jobs and volunteering page](#)

Repairs to the Old Town Hall - 24/10/18

<http://www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/java/support/Main.jsp?MODULE=ApplicationDetails&REF=P18/V2332/FUL>

Old cables- 20/10/18

I've been having a sort out- I had about 15 years of computer/video/audio/power cables

I now know that the Charity Shop in the Cornmarket will take any sort of cable, and get them recycled (hopefully for money)

I checked with VWHDC- It's also possible to leave them next to your grey bin in a tied bag.

Gene Webb

Scottish found letters- 14/10/18

@John Norman, glad the letter found its way and arrived safely! You are very welcome!

The Patterson Family

VWHDC Leader's statement - 13/10/18

<http://www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/news/2018/2018-10/council-leaders-statement>

Unclear what it all means. Too lazy to look up the abbreviations

Name Supplied

Faringdon Community Bus new timetable - 12/10/18

<http://www.faringdoncommunitybus.co.uk/timetable61.htm>

Faringdon Town Council Strategic Plan til April 2019- 12/10/18

<http://faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/Strategic-Plan.pdf>

Mollies are recruiting- 12/10/18

About Mollies:

Mollies is brand new to the U.K. Inspired by American Diners and Motels. Mollie's will cater for those who appreciate great service, brilliant food and affordable style

The venue:

Mollies Buckland will have 80 rooms all with super king size beds, stylish interiors and the latest in check-in mobile technology. The general store will be a home away from home where guests can pick up all their overnight stay essentials and relax. The diner has something for everyone, the perfect pit stop for any time of day; guests will be able to eat in, drive-thru or take away all in a laid back, fun environment.

Who we are looking for:

We are looking for super stars wanting a chance to shine, we would like a team of fun, committed individuals that are full of energy with a passion for great food and excellent service. With our guest experience being the priority of all of our team. If you think this could be you please send your C.V

to emma.mcsharry@quentinrestaurants.com

Benefits:

- * One of the most competitive salaries in the industry.
- * Discounts on Cowshed products and treatments
- * Fantastic career growth opportunities.
- * Cookhouse & House tonic - offering monthly calendar interactive trainings, guest chef demos, drinks tastings and industry expert meet and greets.
- * Weekly wage

Knitters and hookers - 11/10/18

I am thinking of putting on a exhibition for knitters and hookers. Would you be interested? If so please contact me on julie@juliefarmer.co.uk.

It won't be until 2019 and the idea is to have three pieces. Two of your choice and one on an exhibition theme.

Julie Farmer

Lost envelope: - 10/10/18

Approx three weeks ago en-route to post several envelopes at the post office in Faringdon one of the letters addressed to the recipient in Scotland was lost.

It is with grateful thanks I am informed that the letter has found its way to Scotland - obviously posted by the person who found it in Faringdon.

Many thanks to the good samaritan who posted the letter.

John Norman

Zumba Wednesdays, 6pm at Mission fitness UK. - 7/10/18

Zumba is a dance fitness class which combines latin and international rhythms with easy steps to follow. Everyone welcome, no dancing skills or gym membership required.

£5 per class and bring a friend for free!

<https://www.zumba.com/en-US/profile/ana-catalina-bell/1603146>

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Lost wedding ring - 28/9/18

My husband unfortunately lost his gold wedding ring on Thursday night (27 Sept) down The Hobble, when brushing his hand against the railings. We would be ever so grateful if people could keep an eye out and get in touch via this website if you have picked it up.

Many thanks. Name Supplied

Church building.- 28/9/18

Regarding the church like building in the yard of Church Farm mentioned in John Shawler's posting of 26/9. As Church Farm is a church farm, I always assumed the building was a tythe barn. Dennis Haynes

Church on Church Farm - 26/9/18

There is a Church(or Chapel) on Church Farm!! It is unused and I was wondering why it was built!! John Shawyer

Not a scam! - 25/9/18

I learnt from Scottish Power yesterday that a firm called UTILITA had contacted them with the information that I was switching from them to Utilita. I realised that this was linked to a letter I got from Utilita addressed to me at home but calling me "The Occupier". I threw this away unopened. It seems however that they really had my name and details such as who my energy supplier was. After many failed attempts to ring Utilita I found their letter and at last an e-mail address if I wanted to "cancel" my arrangement with them.

Just a warning to anyone else who might have thrown this letter away unopened that they may find they have switched suppliers. The frustration continues as it seems that neither Ofgem not the consumer affairs people consider themselves able to follow this up.

Mary Beck

60+ activities at Faringdon Leisure Centre- 25/9/18

Table Tennis £3.40 (free for Members) Tuesday 14.00-15.00 Wednesday 11.00-12.00

Swimming £2.85 (Free for Members) Tuesday 08.00-09.00 Thursday 08.00-09.00

Water Workout £7.05 (Free for Members) Friday 11.30-12.30

For more information, call 01367 241 755, email Faringdon@gll.org or visit Faringdon Leisure Centre, Fernham Road, SN7 7LB

re-WW1 and 2 memorial and street names- 25/9/18

Thank you Al for the information. I found it very poignant, especially the Palmer brothers both being killed.

regards

Grumpy Old man

Saturday 29th September Community Litter pick- 25/9/18

Meet at OLD Town Hall 2pm

See poster [New poster board](#)

Outdoor Cinema: The Greatest Showman September 30th FREE- 25/9/18

Faringdon Town Council proudly presents A FREE open air cinema in Tucker Park (take 2). Bring your own seating and picnic and enjoy The Greatest Showman (PG) at dusk. No tickets required.

There will be a collection on the night and all proceeds will be split equally between The Place and YOCO both projects help children and young people in Faringdon.

re: Chimney Sweep.- 25/9/18

I have used PEACOCK CHIMNEY SERVICES based in Buscot and will do so again. Professional, efficient, clean and reasonably priced.

Name Supplied.

Chimney sweep required.- 23/9/18

Could anyone recommend a chimney sweep please in the Faringdon area.

Name supplied

Operation Christmas Child - 23/9/18

Christmas is coming, the goose is very thin.

But Operation Christmas Child is sooner than you think!

Yes, Operation Christmas Child (also known as the "Shoe Box Appeal") will soon be upon us. The National campaign is from 1st November to 18th November.

For those who may unfamiliar with Operation Christmas Child, shoe boxes are filled with a variety of gifts which are sent to needy children around the world. From the UK, last year, 680,000 shoeboxes were sent to 13 countries and globally 11million shoeboxes were sent to 113 countries. From Highworth, we collected 1503 shoe boxes, all of which were sent to Liberia.

Shoe boxes are filled for either a boy or girl and for age groups: 2-4, 5-9 or 10-14. We suggest that each gift filled box contains a "**Wow**" item. that the child will immediately love as soon as they open the box. Ideas include: Stuffed animal, deflated football & pump, toy truck, doll (baby, Barbie etc.), musical instruments depending on the age group.

A personal note or photo of you or your family can also be included. Shoe box leaflets which give full details of the gifts that can be included, are available from the drop off points.

There will be two Drop off Points in Faringdon, The Library in the Elms and Haine and Smith, the opticians. Shoe boxes can be dropped off during normal opening hours.

For more information or would like to be a volunteer, then please contact Peter McAuley, tel: 01793 764385, mcauley.peter@gmail.com.

You can also find out more about Operation Christmas Child on their

website. <https://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/>

Faringdon Health Centre now ready for 4,000 additional patients- 23/9/18

After four months of intense building work, a group of patients has cut the ribbon on the Faringdon Health Centre's £1¼ million upgrade. In recognition of their enthusiastic and persistent support for the project, the doctors invited the town's Patient Group to perform the Grand Opening. Senior Partner Dr Anna Douglas said "Our Patient Group has been so effective in fighting for the vital funds to make this building ready for 4,000 additional patients, that they are the perfect people to open our wonderful Health Centre." Which at least one patient agreed with, commenting, "Everything about the look and feel of the new Medical Centre says that we patients are important and central to its purpose."

The volunteer, award-winning Faringdon Patient Group works with the Practice as "critical friends" to represent the needs and views of patients. Marcus Laphorn, a founder member of the group, explains "We are delighted that our additional pressure on the NHS, health regulators and even politicians has helped our excellent Health Centre finally get the funding they needed to make this building suitable for the predicted 25% growth in local patient numbers. And we are really honoured to open this thoughtfully improved building."

Editor's notes

The Health Centre opened in 2002 with a capacity for 12,000 patients. The roll is now 16,000 with 20,000 expected within four years. The official opening was on 20th September 2018.

The £250,000 building extension and refurbishment was jointly funded by the Partners and NHS.

Despite the early failure of the NHS-appointed builder, the work was completed on time and under budget, with the Health Centre's staff acting as project managers.

The upgraded building provides 12 GP consulting rooms, 8 rooms for nurses and 2 treatment/clinic rooms. Patients will find the enlarged building better laid out and much more user-friendly.

The Faringdon Health Centre is one of the few Oxfordshire Practices able to guarantee same-day appointments for all patients requiring attention.

Faringdon Patient Group

The group won first prize, in a national competition, for their 2016 survey into midwifery needs. The group was also directly involved in the CQC regulatory body's recent complimentary assessment of the Faringdon Practice.

More info. Please contact the Practice Manager, Caroline Beaney on 01367 242 388

A little note from Faringdon Regent Cinema...- 23/9/18

It was great to see so many come along to see 'The Guernsey Literary Potato Peel Society' on Friday evening. We were sold out!

Our sincere apologies for those who were unable to buy tickets on the door. Our aim is to bring people together so it was very difficult for us to turn you all away.

If there is a film that's caught your eye, we would strongly recommend buying tickets in advance as we cannot guarantee tickets will be available on the door.

Tickets are available from Faringdon Information Centre in The Pump House, 5 Market Place and we are open Mon-Fri 9am-4pm, Sat 9.30am-1.00pm.

We hope to see you soon!

P.S. Our next evening film is 'Journey's End' (12A) on Friday 19th October at 7.30pm (see the [What's On Section](#) or [Poster Noticeboard](#) for all film listings)

Planning Application for a shop and hotel approved near Aldi and Waitrose- 23/9/18

See www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/java/support/Main.jsp?MODULE=ApplicationDetails&REF=P18/V0442/FUL#exactline

Community infrastructure levy the developer will pay is £152000- a proportion of this should come to Faringdon Town Council- 25% I think

I wonder what the ££ will be used

Ed

WW1 and 2 memorial and street names- 22/9/18

Have a look at [Al Canes poster of street names and information](#) about the men who died

An excellent memorial. Thanks Al

Recycling Roadshows- 21/9/18

Recycling experts from South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse District Councils will be out and about myth-busting over what can and can't be recycled in the districts as part of National Recycle Week 2018.

Events are planned across southern Oxfordshire which will give residents the chance to ask the experts about recycling collections and what happens to the recycling after waste crews have collected it.

The district councils' officers will be at special recycling stalls, giving out advice and recycling goodies between 10am and 2pm, at the following places:

- Monday 24 September – Waitrose, St Martin's St, Wallingford
- Tuesday 25 September – Thame Market place in Upper High St
- Wednesday 26 September – Abingdon Community Free Space shop in Bury St
- Thursday 27 September – Wantage Leisure Centre in Portway

- Friday 28 September – Asda, London Rd, Wheatley

It is the 15th Recycle Week (24 – 30 September) organised by WRAP* as part of the Recycle Now national recycling campaign for England. This year's theme is 'Recycling. We do. Because it matters.' with an emphasis on plastic items.

Cllr Roger Cox, leader of the Vale of White Horse District Council said: "Residents in the districts are keen recyclers. Over the years the councils have expanded their recycling services, with the additions of small electricals and textiles to the kerbside collection and most recently the introduction of the new cooking oil recycling service. These events during Recycle Week offer residents the opportunity to speak to experts face to face and ask any questions they have about recycling and the waste collection services."

Cllr Caroline Newton, South Oxfordshire District Council's Cabinet Member for waste and recycling, said: "Around 80 per cent of household waste can be recycled and the councils offer lots of recycling information online, including the Binzone app which gives details of collections and of individual items which can be recycled. Recycle Week is a good opportunity to remind residents of the benefits of recycling and how the councils can help people do even more to reduce waste." More information about waste and recycling can be found on [our recycling pages](#)

- Download our [Binzone](#) app to your smartphone or tablet which will tell you what you can and can't recycle and also when your bins are due to be collected.

*[WRAP](#) – Waste and Resources Action Programme is a registered charity set up to promote sustainable waste management

Ed: Pity there isn't one in Faringdon

Malicious phone call- 20/9/18

I have just had a very professional sounding recorded phone call telling me I was about to be prosecuted by HMRC and giving me a phone number to ring. IT IS A SCAM - I assume if I had called this number I would have been asked for money. I can quite imagine some vulnerable people getting in quite a panic about this - please spread the word that it is a scam. I did 1471 and got the number 02081 445020 - but in my experience these people use several different phone numbers. There is a website you can go to check a phone call. It is <https://who-called.co.uk/>

Mary Beck

Health Centre Grand opening Thurs 20th September- 20/9/18

To celebrate the successful completion of the building project
Thursday 20th September 7pm Health Centre, Volunteer Way

Everyone welcome

WHMP

Coleshill House Fire- 19/9/18

The House burned down on 23rd September 1952.

Thanks to Bill for the photos- see Photo Collections on <http://www.faringdon.org/photos-and-maps.html>

Ed

Old Faringdon Guide- 19/9/18

Thankyou to Sam for a copy of the Faringdon Guide, that I think was produced in the 1960s.

You can find it on <http://www.faringdon.org/faringdon-through-history.html>

in two parts as it was a rather large file.

Ed

Common Ground- New Community Action Group -18/9/18

Common Ground Faringdon is currently made up of 3 committed residents who want to create more opportunities for people to:

- enjoy outdoor space
- get to know one another
- improve the appearance of the town

The group are constantly looking for more members who share their passion, who can help to coordinate/plan activities, manage budgets and generally lend a hand. There will be more information to come in the following weeks about becoming a member of Common Ground Faringdon. You can keep up to date by joining the **closed Facebook group “Common Ground Faringdon”** but of course we can keep you informed by email too.

Raised Beds sessions at Faringdon Infant School

You might have heard about the Raised Beds project taking place at Faringdon Infant School, we're desperately seeking more volunteers, especially those with the skills and tools to repair and replace some of the wood from the raised beds. If you think you could lend a hand with this, please see the timetable below. If these times don't work for you we might be able to arrange an alternative time, so please do get in touch on the details provided below.

www.facebook.com/groups/281095145962971/

Common Ground Faringdon is a newly emerging community action group. Our aim is to create more opportunities where local residents can enjoy outdoor space and get to know one another. We're being supported to make this happen by Sovereign Housing Association and Faringdon Town Council.

Faringdon company Montala awarded Royal Warrant - 18/9/18

Faringdon based software company Montala has received a Royal Warrant of Appointment to Her Majesty the Queen - one of the few software providers to be awarded the honour.

A highly sought-after privilege, the Royal Warrant is granted to companies or people who have regularly supplied goods or services to either the Queen, the Duke of Edinburgh or the Prince of Wales for no fewer than five consecutive years. Montala is one of only 14 companies to be newly appointed a Royal Warrant by the Queen in 2018.

Montala, who are based on the Wicklesham Lodge business park just south of Faringdon, provide Digital Asset Management (DAM) services and offer a convenient, productive and easy to use solution for organising and sharing media files. Their software ResourceSpace is used by over 1,000 commercial, academic and not for profit organisations all around the world. ResourceSpace is open source software, meaning it is free to download and there are no license fees to pay and no vendor lock-ins.

Warrant holders are required to demonstrate that they have an effective environmental and sustainability policy.

Dan Huby, Managing Director of Montala, said: "For our work to be recognised in this way is a huge honour and I'm very proud of the team here at Montala in providing consistently first class service to our customers."

www.montala.com/

War Memorial Trust Remembrance Exhibition- 17/9/18

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

This year marks the centenary of the end of the first World War, 'the war to end all wars' and the overlooked battles of 1918 that cost the lives of many local men.

The exhibition will be open to the public from 10:00 am until 4:00 pm on Friday 9th and Saturday 10th November, and after the Remembrance Day ceremony on Sunday 11th until 1:30 pm.

U3A OPEN DAY. - 16/9/18

Tuesday 2nd October

Corn Exchange 10.00 and 12.00.

This is an annual event which enables new and existing members to learn something about the current groups and to consider joining them.

Come, chat and browse. Refreshments are available.

<https://faringdondistrictu3a.com/>

Saturday 29th September Community Litter pick- 15/9/18

Meet at OLD Town Hall 2pm

See poster [New poster board](#)

Outdoor Film- The Greatest Showman FREE Sun September 30th - 15/9/18

Faringdon Town Council proudly presents A FREE open air cinema in Tucker Park (take 2).

Bring your own seating and picnic and enjoy The Greatest Showman (PG) at dusk. No tickets required.

There will be a collection on the night and all proceeds will be split equally between The Place and YOCO both projects help children and young people in Faringdon.

Flu jabs- 15/9/18

Flu season has started; NHS vaccines are now available.

Are you over 18? Should you have a vaccine this year? Do you know someone who should?

Check this link on NHS Choices. <https://www.nhs.uk/.../vaccinati.../who-should-have-flu-vaccine/>

Flu clinics are available now (including some Saturdays and weekday evenings); call the practice after 3pm any week day or use the Engage Consult app on our website [whmp.co.uk] to request an appointment. If you are visiting the practice for any reason, ask any member of the team and we can vaccinate you whilst you are here so we can save you another trip.

Like and follow the White Horse Medical practice page for more

updates <https://www.facebook.com/whitehorsemmedical/>

White Horse Medical Practice

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS-ON - FESTIVE FARINGDON- 15/9/18

Saturday 1st December

Market Square from 2.00pm Santa arrival 2.30pm - Lights-On at 5.30pm

Father Christmas in his grotto, Thomas the Tank Engine, Wantage Silver Band, street entertainers, fairground rides, Punch & Judy, choir, craft stalls, Christmas Fayre in the Corn Exchange

For further information contact: festivefaringdon@emsoap.co.uk or mobile 0795 481 8658 The Rotary Club of Faringdon &

District www.faringdonrotaryclub.org www.facebook.com/faringdon.rotary

Neighbourhood Plan- 14/9/18

The Town Council has been looking at the wish in the plan. They are planning to do some public engagement events to see what the community still want from what is left on the list and what they would like to add. This kicks off with a stall at Heritage Day for people to comment.

Faringdon's Heritage open day Sat 15th - 12/9/18

Corn Exchange Open 10am to 3pm

Heritage Day opening by Mayor Cllr. David Barron at 10am

Rural Crafts and Community stalls

Poppy Rocks

Join us for this free craft session while we paint Poppy Rocks for the Remembrance Day Installation. Come find the rock you have already painted and have fun painting another one.

Lord Berners Dress Up and selfie photo booth

Refreshments available

Pump House Open 10am to 3pm

World War I Hospital Exhibition

Come along and learn about the History of the Pump House as a World War I Hospital Trails and History tours available throughout the day from the Tourist Information Centre

Old Town Hall Open 10am to 3pm

Faringdon and District History and Archaeological Society display of the history of local shops and businesses

Oxfordshire Geology Trust display

Refreshments with donations going to The Place

Market Place

Al Cane – Music from throughout the years with connections to Faringdon: Vintage Tractors

Masonic tent

Bring the Game over – retro video games van from 10am to 11:30am

All Saints' Church Open 10:30am to 3pm

Come and see All Saint's Church, this fabulous Church dates from the late 12th Century and has played a huge part in Faringdon's history.

Faringdon Fire Station Open 10am to 1pm

Come along and have guided tours of the Fire Station

Faringdon Library Open from 9:30am to 1pm

Faringdon County Grammar School for Girls display

Visit the library and learn the history of the Girls Grammar School

Masonic Hall Open 10am to 3pm

Tours of the Masonic Hall and learn about its history

Faringdon Quaker Friends Meeting House Open 10am to 3pm

Learn about the History of the Quakers in Faringdon during the last 350 years

Please visit our [Facebook event to keep updated](#)

Please note the bus lane in the market square will be closed and the alternative bus stop will be situated at the Fire Station. For further details please visit our website by clicking [here](#).

Faringdon Town Council

Graham and Barry Cooper, Hatford - 10/9/18

To anybody (or knows of somebody who does) that remembers my Dad Graham Cooper and his Older brother Barry Cooper who lived in Hatford during their childhood and went to Stanford in the vale Primary in the late 1940's - 1950's.

Sadly Uncle Barry passed away on the 20th August age 76. His family would like to let as many people who remember him know when and where the funeral will be. It will be at Redditch h crematorium on 11th September at 2pm if anybody would like to come along and pay their respects. For more info please contact me on 07825914628

Sharon

Faringdon Knit and Knatter Ladies. Link to Hope Christmas Shoebox Appeal 2018.- 9/9/18

If you would like to fill a shoebox or contribute items for the shoebox, these can be dropped off at the United Church-between 12 noon and 4.00pm on Monday 17th and 24th September. Monday 1st, 8th, 15th, and 22nd October.

Thank you. Your help will be very much appreciated.

Name supplied

Forever Hounds Trust: Crazy Cake Challenge- 10/9/18

Forever Hounds Trust, a charity that rescues and rehomes greyhounds, lurchers and other sighthounds in the UK, are appealing for members of the public to sign up and get involved in a new fundraising event to help their dogs.

The Crazy Cake Challenge invites supporters to bake cake, sell cake and eat cake – be it a cake stand at work or school or a coffee morning. Local businesses are also encouraged to take part. The challenge part comes in as the charity is seeking 300 bakers to raise £50 each, all funds going directly to the charity's veterinary costs – the largest and most vital area of their expenditure. Project Manager for Community Fundraising Development, Anna, says: ' We all know everyone loves cake and dogs. Now anyone can help our hounds by holding your own Cake Challenge event – fun and fundraising all rolled into one! However people choose to take part, every penny goes towards dogs in need in the UK and the beauty is that anyone can get involved!'

Can't wait to get started? For more information, please

visit www.foreverhoundstrust.org/support-us/crazycakechallenge or

email fundraising@foreverhoundstrust.org. You can also call Anna on 07849 833 102

Faringdon Unwrapped - 7/9/18

This Saturday, Pump House Project, Swan Lane 9-4

<https://www.facebook.com/faringdonunwrapped/photos/a.1345103735590264/1462767237157246/?type=3&theater>

Pasat, rice, couscous, muesli.

Take your own containers

White Horse Practice Autumn Newsletter- 6/9/18

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

Lots of useful and interesting information

- New rooms layout
- Donate unused drugs
- Flu Clinic dates
- Appointments news
- Your doctor's timetable
- Prescriptions update
- Subsidised exercise
- Stick with your doc – and live!
- Referrals explained

A Paper copy of the newsletter can be picked up at the Health Centre and in a few days various locations around Faringdon and surrounding villages.

An Evening of Entertainment & Popular Songs- 6/9/18

Saturday October 13th

Ferndale Community Choir with soloist **Louise Woodgate** present

Pump House, 7pm for 7.30. Tickets £10

Bar and raffle

Proceeds to [Daybreak Oxford](#) and [Archway Foundation](#) Charities

More information Julia Burn 01367 515899 julia@theburns.name

Julie Hester 0787 6277394 juliehester9@gmail.com

Rogers Concrete- 5/9/18

Just heard the sad news Rogers Concrete is closing down after 60 years, Were are we going to buy slabs and sand and compost from now on, Real shame another business closing.

John Murphy

Grand opening- 5/9/18

To celebrate the successful completion of the building project

Thursday 20th September 7pm Health Centre, Volunteer Way

Everyone welcome

WHMP

Missing Cat- 5/9/18

Our Siamese cat Allan has been missing since Friday 31st August. He's extremely friendly, pushy and dominant as well as being slightly cross eyed and neutered. He isn't wearing a collar as he's managed to escape from it. He is micro-chipped.

We think he's being fed by someone as he's too young to really fend for himself so I'd be really grateful that if you see him, you give me a call on 07836208800 as a little boy is really missing his pet.

We live on Stanford Road and he has been spotted in Tuckers Road trying to break into a house there and also tormenting a dog from a shed roof!

We've notified the vets in the area and they will be in contact should they locate him.

Many thanks

Mel Lane

Planning Application Withdrawal - Land to the north of the A420 and east of Fernham Gate

Faringdon- 2/9/18

www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/java/support/Main.jsp?MODULE=ApplicationDetails&REF=P18/V1362/O

Ferndale Choir. New term September 5th 2018- 2/9/18

SING to feel good. SING to improve. SING to let go

Every Wednesday in term time 7.15-8.45 Roman Catholic Church Marlborough St Faringdon SN7

7JE

First free trial.

Contact louisejwoodgate@gmail.com or just turn up and sing!

Chance to vote for Faringdon band.- 29/8/18

Young Rosie who did a great performance at Follyfest on the Saturday night were on the internet radio station www.dfm.org.uk in their unsigned bands show on Tuesday evening. It is possible to go on their site to see their video under the videos tab and vote for them using the vote tab to show your support.

Let's help them win for Faringdon and good music.

Steve Bunce

Marlborough St Closure for Roadworks - 29/8/18

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT, 1984

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 14(2) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act, 1984, that the Oxfordshire County Council

TEMPORARY TRAFFIC RESTRICTIONS

LOCATION:	Faringdon: Road Closure: Marlborough Street No Waiting and Suspension of the One Way: Bromsgrove Enforcement of Temporary One Way: London Street
REASON:	To facilitate highway resurfacing and maintenance

DURATION: Starting on 28 August 2018 the anticipated completion date is 4 September 2018. This closure will be in action between 20:00 and 06:00 daily (Traffic Regulation Notices cover a maximum of 5 consecutive days)

ACCESS: Limited access will be maintained for emergency service vehicles and for frontages within the closed section of road, subject to the progress of the works

The "No Waiting" restriction means that wherever there are in place yellow "No Waiting" cones or other "No Waiting" markings, you will not be able to park vehicles on the highway.

SUGGESTED ALTERNATIVE ROUTE:

London Street, Gloucester Road, A417, Gravel Walk, Station Road
Station Road, Gravel Walk, A417, Gloucester Road, London Street
Dependent on direction of one way restriction

Owen Jenkins, Director for Infrastructure Delivery

oxfordshire.roadworks.org/

For further information and to keep updated please visit **Lloyds Mobile timetable-** 25/8/18

I looked for the mobile branch info a while back and found it here

<https://www.lloydsbank.com/banking-with-us/mobile-branch/witney.asp>

Anne-Marie Wight

Lloyds horse box.- 25/8/18

I would love to know how customers of Lloyds bank are getting on with the horse box they provide in the car park.

I still get and accept cheques from my elderly customers and may well be in Highworth, Carterton or any other of the towns around here that the van may visit so I could deposit the cheques if the vans were in town, no where on Lloyds website gives you a timetable of the activity of these vans, when I posed a question online all I was given was why the branches closed, a pie chart of how the branches was used and by who, nothing that was of any use to me.

I fully appreciate that Lloyds provide these horse boxes where a lot of other long gone banks just hot footed it out of the towns and didn't give a toss for their faithful customers, however, not really much of a point supplying these horse boxes with no information given on where or when these things are going to be and at what time.

I suspect that they too will soon be a distant memory as people get so fed up with it all they just

won't bother seeking them out giving Lloyds the excuse to say well we supplied mobile units and no one used them, I have heard a rumour that if there is no parking space for the horse box it just drives away leaving the few long suffering customers high and dry, and with winter approaching I can't see people standing in the wind and rain to use the mobile bank, Please don't inform me that I can deposit cheques into the post office, that is a whole new kettle of fish I will save for later.....

Jim Horton. Painter and Decorator of the Parish for the last 50 years (semi-retired, but don't let that stop you from asking me for an estimate, just don't pay me by cheque!)

BT performance - 25/8/18

Hi, we are having a robust discussion with BT over their recent failings. Who should be copied in? It is for the benefit of all..

Mike Groves For David Sargent, Sands Barn
Mike Groves

White Horse Show- 24/8/18

Spitfires, the country's first female aerobatic British champion, jumping American trucks on a quad bike and BMW champions are all coming to Uffington on Sunday and Bank Holiday for the White Horse Show.

It's a community run show that has earned £500k over the past 40 years for local charity groups. You can check out the show's page at www.whitehorseshow.co.uk

All Saints' church Flower Guild will be commemorating the 96 men of Faringdon- 23/8/18

On Bank Holiday weekend, 25th, 26th & 27th August 2018, All Saints' church Flower Guild will be commemorating the 96 men of Faringdon and the surrounding district from WW1 whose names are on Faringdon War Memorial, under the title of 'There but not there'.

The idea first came after Faringdon Dramatic Society's production 'Reflections' in November 2014, and was inspired by the poppies at the Tower and the 'There but not there' installation in Penshurst church near Tonbridge in Kent in 2016.

96 individual commemorative poppies have been made by a group from the Pump House Project and we will have books of the men's names with details military units (researched and compiled by former Mayor Mike Wise, and Mark Stone) for people to look at and find out more about these brave men. In addition, All Saint's bell ringers, who have rung the bells to commemorate every person listed on the 100th anniversary of their death, will be holding an open Tower day on the Saturday for anyone who would like to see what they do, and members of FDS will be reading poetry and letters of the time at 3.30 on the Sunday afternoon.

Refreshments will be available in the Barber Rooms behind the church and we will have a commemorative programme available for those who would like a small memento.

This event is being organised in conjunction with the Town Council and the exhibition that they are staging of Faringdon's WW1 Hospital, with assistance from Buscot Park Estate.

Over 60s swimming for £5 - 23/8/18

Residents of southern Oxfordshire aged 60 and over can sign up for a month's swimming for just £5 thanks to a special September offer from South Oxfordshire and the Vale of White Horse District Councils and 'Better' leisure centres.

Would-be swimmers simply register for the offer by visiting the [GO Active Gold website](http://GOActiveGold.com) or by calling 01235 422219 by 27 September.

Once they have received confirmation they can visit the participating leisure centres throughout September to swim as many times as they like for a one-off payment of £5. The month-long swim deal will start from the date of the first swim.

<http://www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/news/2018/2018-08/special-september-offer-older-swimmers>

66 becomes S6, new timetable- 23/8/18

From 2/9/18

[Faringdon- Swindon](#)

[Faringdon Oxford](#)

Anyone know? - 23/8/18

Did anyone know the Morbeys who farmed in faringdon?????

Did anyone know Mary Jane and George Morbeys???? Or Reggie Goddard????

carolinecharles99@gmail.com

Faringdon House renovation- 17/8/18

Lots of work being planned

<http://www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/java/support/Main.jsp?MODULE=ApplicationDetails&REF=P18/V1975/FUL>

Find out about English bell ringing.- 15/8/18

Tower Open Day, Saturday 25th August All Saints Church in the Market Place.

11.00am - 12.00 noon

2.00pm - 3.00pm

3.30pm - 4.30pm

Please e-mail faringdonringers@gmail.com or see Doreen Leslie at the ringers display in the church on the day.

[See leaflet](#)

Budgens- 15/8/18

Have heard that it (or some of it) will be a Londis

Ed

New buses- 12/8/18

New Gold buses have arrived in Swindon for the Oxford service which is to become the S6 from 66, to match other Oxford Gold services.

The change will be effective from 2nd September. I believe that there will be a 15 minute frequency in the rush hours.

FARINGDON HERITAGE DAY 15TH SEPTEMBER- 10/8/18

Hello All 'Old Girls'

Faringdon Library is going to be involved in Faringdon Heritage Day. As many are aware we are in residence in part of the old Girls Grammar School,(thought to be what was the cookery classroom) with this in mind we thought it would be lovely to have a display of school uniform, school timetables, perhaps if anyone has them, some recipes from their days at the school, hockey sticks, school photos..whatever you may have from your time spent at Faringdon Girls Grammar School. We will put an exhibit together and hope to make some traditional bakes for the day too!

Faringdon Library

Oxford Playhouse looking for volunteer ushers- 9/8/18

Application info on <https://www.oxfordplayhouse.com/about-us/job-vacancies/volunteer-ushers/>

Deadline 3/9/18

It's a great voluntary job- you get to see the show

Gene Webb

Vale Council - spend on Leisure - 8/8/18

<http://cldrdebbyhallett.com/2018/08/07/capital-leisure-by-area/> To see sums spent in Abingdon, Wantage, Faringdon areas.

I've calculated the per capita sums for Faringdon (pop 22687) and Wantage (pop 24790) Leisure

Centre catchment area.

Wantage £36. Faringdon £8 per head spend over last 5 years

For the next 5 years the large sum for Wantage (£19m total) is largely for a new Wantage Leisure Centre (£18m) in Mably way. For Faringdon (£1.65m total) for an artificial pitch (£750k) and some renovation of the Leisure Centre.

Ed

A run in the Park - 8/8/18

<https://www.parkrun.org.uk/register/>

Looks like a good idea. Witney are doing it <http://www.parkrun.org.uk/witney/>

www.parkrun.org.uk/witney/

Permission applied for Hotel and shop in Park Road - 7/8/18

<http://www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/java/support/Main.jsp?MODULE=ApplicationDetails&REF=P18/V0442/FUL>

The word is that it will be a Travelodge and Home Bargains (or the like)

VWHDC council investigating parking enforcement- 7/8/18

The Council is exploring whether to take over on-street parking enforcement in the district.

We are contacting Oxfordshire County Council (the highways authority), which is responsible for formally applying for powers and then delegating civil parking enforcement responsibilities, to find out whether this could be possible.

We are also carrying out work to look at the business case involved in taking over enforcement, including costs and projected income.

Thames Valley Police is currently responsible for this across the Vale, apart from in Abingdon where some streets are dealt with by the town council.

Cllr Elaine Ware, Cabinet Member for Housing and Environment, said: "Illegal and irresponsible parking can make getting around in our towns and villages very difficult and we know that this is a concern for our residents.

"Thames Valley Police is currently responsible for enforcement and we will continue to highlight problem areas. We have an obligation to our taxpayers to ensure we would be making the right move by applying to take over this responsibility and we're looking at this in detail, while actively working with partner organisations to address issues now.

"In the meantime, I would urge motorists to act responsibly and think first before parking outside permitted areas.

We need to seek formal agreement from Oxfordshire County Council to apply to the Department of Transport to delegate civil parking enforcement powers to our council. If the county council agrees and we decide to take over responsibility, a full review will need to be carried out to look at existing car parking orders and yellow lines.

Road Closure- Buscot Wick - 7/8/18

<https://mailchi.mp/70ca7a26597e/traffic-regulation-notice?e=700f79bdd3> for details and map of alternative route

MF Dance is now coming to FARINGDON - 7/8/18

Faringdon leisure centre

Starts Monday 24th September

Minis aged 3-6 is from 5:15-6:00

Juniors aged from 7-11 is from 6:00-7:00

Teens aged 11+ is from 7:00-8:00

Prices vary

Faringdon Rural Crime- from Thames Valley Alert- 1/8/18

In the last couple of weeks we have seen a rise in rural crime, mainly thefts and damage caused by poaching. We suspect this is due to the harvests being earlier this year.

Between 10am 15/07- 9am 17/07 a livestock trailer was stolen from a property in Sparsholt.

Between 17/07- 21/07 there was a theft of a tool box and an attempted theft of red diesel from a combine harvester at a farm in Shrivenham.

Between 6pm 19/07- 8am 24/07 £8000 worth of electric cable stolen from Coxwell Road, Faringdon.

Between 9pm 23/07- 8.30am 24/07 a mini bus stolen from a farm in Stanford in the Vale.

Between 10.30pm 23/07- 7am 24/07 a trailer with a motorbike on it was stolen from Bourton, near Swindon.

Between 11pm 25/07- 6am 26/07 damage was caused to fencing and crops were driven over at a property in Ashbury. This is likely to have been a result of possible deer poaching in the area.

Overnight between 24/07- 25/07 a bell drinker was stolen from a farm in Buckland.

On 26/07 criminal damage was caused to a wind turbine at Westmill Wind Farm, Watchfield.

On 26/07 criminal damage was caused to a pheasant pen at a farm in Buckland.

Between 12am 27/07- 5pm 27/07 a Mitsubishi L200 was stolen from a farm in Knighton, Swindon.

Between 2pm 27/07- 6pm 27/07 460 pheasant chicks were stolen from a property in Longcot.

On 29/07 hare coursers were disrupted on farm land in Buckland. The offenders made off from officers who had disrupted them and the vehicle was not located. A dog was found by officers after the initial incident which was temporarily rehomed until the legal owner is found.

On 30/7 a stolen Land Rover was seized in Great Coxwell.

Beauty spot thefts

We have had some thefts from vehicles at beauty spots like Badbury Clumps. Please remember not to leave valuables in your vehicles.

Your local policing team puts regular updates on

Facebook www.facebook.com/tvpsouthandvale and Twitter @TVPsouthandvale – so please like and follow us for more information on what is going on.

See [Crime Map for Faringdon and area \(May 2018\)](#)

Unitary Council in Oxfordshire- no decision - 1/8/18

The government will not be making a decision on the proposals for a single unitary council for Oxfordshire for the foreseeable future.

The Minister for Local Government has written to the Leaders of South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse District Councils explaining that the Ministry for Housing, Communities and Local Government is not currently planning to announce a decision.

In his letter, the Rt Hon Rishi Sunak MP explained that the government will be pausing its consideration for a unitary council while other changes to local government in Oxfordshire take place. Oxfordshire County Council is currently entering into a new partnership with Cherwell District Council after Cherwell's agreements with South Northamptonshire District Council came to an end as part of the restructuring of local government in Northamptonshire.

Cllr Jane Murphy, Leader at South Oxfordshire, said: "While we await a decision, we're doing everything we can to work more closely across Oxfordshire and the minister acknowledged the positive work we're doing with our partner councils to secure the very best infrastructure to support the housing growth happening in the county."

Cllr Roger Cox, Leader at the Vale, said: "We're looking forward to further conversations about the structure of local government in Oxfordshire once the current range of initiatives across the county have become embedded."

Read the [letter from the minister \(350.5 KB\)](#).

VWHDC

Cashpoint needed - 31/7/18

I really think the people of Faringdon need a cash point in the centre of town and as soon as possible

Christine Moorhouse

Consultation: Developing an Older People's Strategy for Oxfordshire 2019 - 2023- 30/7/18

This is open from 26 Jul 2018 at 10:00 to 3 Sep 2018 at 09:00.

We are asking anyone who might be interested in the development of a new Older People's Strategy for Oxfordshire, including professionals and older people, to share their views on what is important to people as they age. To do this, we have set up a short

survey: <https://consult.oxfordshireccg.nhs.uk/consult.ti/OPDeV/consultationHome>

The new Oxfordshire's Older People's Strategy will outline how all health and care organisations across Oxfordshire will work together to help you stay as fit and healthy as possible for as long as possible; and, if you need more help, how we will ensure we work together to support your needs.

I would be grateful if you could share the link to this survey with any groups or networks that you are involved in, and more widely in your communities, encouraging anyone that might be interested, to respond: <https://consult.oxfordshireccg.nhs.uk/consult.ti/OPDeV/consultationHome>

If you are part of, or organise any groups with older people over the summer and would like us to come and talk to you, please contact us on 01865 334638 and we will do our best to come along.

If you have any queries about the survey or this work, please contact us

on cscsu.talkinghealth@nhs.net or on 01865 334638.

Grants for Youth volunteering projects- 25/7/18

Grants of between £1,000 and £5,000 are available for projects or events that encourage young people aged between 10 and 20 (25 for disabled people) to volunteer, fundraise or campaign for causes they care about. For the first time this grants programme will be run via match-funding platform [The Good Exchange](#), until the funds are spent, or 30th October 2018, whichever is soonest.

<https://e-oxfordshirecommunityfoundation.org/1OSY-5RQZV-A0LUB5YT8A/cr.aspx>

Misplaced watch on Sunday 22nd July 2018 - 24/7/18

Lost on the grass at Buscot Weir, my Grandson's Rotary Skeleton Automatic Watch. A much loved Birthday Gift from his Mother

If found, please contact Christina on 01367 241265 who will be happy to give £50 reward.

Christina Field

4 new apartments on land off Portway- 24/7/18

Application ref P18/V1732/FUL

www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/java/support/Main.jsp?MODULE=ApplicationDetails&REF=P18/V1732/FUL#exactline

This is the parking area and garden of Ferndale School

Builder wanted- 24/7/18

I am looking for a recommended bathroom specialist builder in Faringdon and also someone who specialises in making loft hatches bigger, putting in ladders etc? Many thanks.

Annabelle Lily

The Pump House Project Programme for Follyfest - proud to be a fringe venue! 28th and 29th July

For full details of our children's activities, family events and more visit www.thepumphouseproject.co.uk/follyfestfringe2018
Or get in touch at info@thepumphouseproject.co.uk

Sat 29th July

Fancy Dress Treasure Hunt

Pick up your map at our stall in the market place, available all morning Bring your treasure to The Pump House Project to see who will walk the plank! £1

Kids Craft session

@The Pump House Project with a Pirate and Princess theme 10.30 to 11.30am FREE

Accompanied children only

Fancy Dress Disco

@The Pump House Project Pirates, Princesses and Mermaids theme - what will you come as?

0-11 years, Accompanied children only

12.30-2pm, £1

Tea Dance

@The Pump House Project with tea by The Folly Dollies

3.30-5pm

Sunday 29th July

Stay and Play, 0-7years @The Pump House Project

'Under the Sea' theme - fancy dress if you fancy!

10.30-12.30pm, Accompanied children only

£1, Drinks & snack

Drama society presents - a one act comedy

@The Pump House Project 'Last Tango in Little Grimley' - an hilarious one act play

2-3pm FREE

Throughout the weekend, don't miss:

- The Positive Pigeon Project - a mass installation of origami birds at The Corn Exchange and The Folly Tower
- Pop-up picnic beach @ The Pump House Project - Bring your own picnic
- Baby VIP changing and quiet feeding space @ The Pump House Project

Faringdon Town Council are hosting a series of Free history events in the town - 14/7/18

We are looking for people to bring any objects (photographs, diaries, letters, medals, souvenirs, etc) that people have kept from World War One, or stories that have been passed down, to our Digital Collection Day. We will then record your story, or photograph the object, and get details from you on their background and upload this to a major website. The website will be freely available to anyone to use and will help preserve these key objects and documents from the War.

Please come along to the Corn Exchange Faringdon with your objects **between 10 and 1pm on Saturday 21st July, 2018**. There is no booking needed.

We will have experts on hand to help to give you more information on the items. There will also be

refreshments, artefact-handling and an opportunity to talk to members from the wider community. Frontline living history will be there dressed as period characters. For more information, please visit our facebook event <https://www.facebook.com/events/660910157601568/> or contact Faringdon Town Council on 01367240281

Memories of the Folly- 13/7/18

For lovely memories of the Folly Tower and woodland. See <http://www.faringdonfolly.org.uk/folly-memories.html>

These were performed by members of Faringdon Dramatic at their Faringdon Follies performance in June.

We'd like to collect more memories- please do send yours enquiries@faringdonfolly.org.uk

Gene Webb

PS The Tower will be open from 11am-5pm on Sunday 15th- on another warm and sunny day.

Cat found- 12/7/18

The cat we found last week has been re-united with his owner.

He lives in Stanford in the Vale with his brother cat and his owner had been looking for his lost 'Gekko' for 3 weeks!

Happy endings all round.

Many thanks to Medivet in the Coxwell Road for scanning his chip and contacting all the other local vets in our efforts to find his owner.

David Turner

Flight circuits - 12/7/18

A view circuits @ 1900hrs 10th June to entertain for a short time. This aircraft also formed part of the Royal Airforce centenary celebrations, overflying London.

Operating out of the RAF Memorial Flight at Coningsby ready for Fairford display.

[See picture](#)

Pat Hayton

A regular overflight over Faringdon, - 9/7/18

- today 8/7 @ 07:10hrs, this Piaggio P180 flight from Cheltenham, Staverton airfield. An unusual aircraft sounds like a 'chainsaw'.

[Picture and flightpath.](#)

Pat Hayton

Museum exhibition to open in Faringdon- 6/7/18

A new exhibition 'Hospital: Faringdon's Pump House in WWI' will be opening in the Pump House in Faringdon, from Saturday August 18th 2018, and will run for six months.

The exhibition will feature original items from the Red Cross's historical collections and items from Oxfordshire Museums' Service collections as well as previously unseen items from Lord Faringdon's personal collection at Buscot Park.

Lord Faringdon's grandmother, Lady Violet Henderson, became a registered Red Cross member in 1907 while nursing her husband, brother, father and uncle, who had been wounded in the Boer War of 1899-1902. With the onset of war, she offered The Pump House in Faringdon to the Joint War Committee as an Auxiliary Red Cross Hospital. Within months, it had run out of space and had moved to her home, Kitemore House at Shellingford, where she and many others cared for over 242 wounded 'inmates' over the next 11 months.

The exhibition is being curated by Faith Carpenter, Director of The Company Curator, with the support of Faringdon Town Council and Buscot Park Estate.

Faith says: "I'm very much looking forward to showing the photographs and stories of those who were recuperating at the convalescent hospitals in Faringdon and Shellingford. It's only a small exhibition, but we have fascinating photographs, documents and letters from some of the wounded soldiers and sailors, who were troops from many of the Allied countries, and we hope that some of the families in Faringdon will be able to find details of their ancestors".

Finding details of ancestors will be possible thanks to the exhibition's most important item - the Admissions and Discharge Book, on loan from Buscot Park, which details every man who stayed at the hospitals, giving his name, rank, wounds and other information.

Members of the Faringdon History Society are undertaking the painstakingly slow work of deciphering the handwritten entries and transcribing them so that visitors can look at an alphabetical list of men who stayed. The information in the book will also provide a great deal of information about things like types of wounds, length of stay, areas from which the troops came and average ages.

The exhibition will have an associated events and activities scheme, details of which will be available soon.

Faith would like to involve local residents and to show stories and items with local importance. "We are asking anyone who has items connected with Faringdon's hospital in WW1 if they would like to lend them to have them displayed, or to tell us their stories to see if they would be suitable for featuring in the exhibition. It will be lovely to be able to show items from Faringdon in the exhibition and to tell the stories of those involved."

If you have a story, photograph or an item connected with the Red Cross Auxiliary Hospitals at the Pump House in Faringdon or Kitemore, please email heritage.assets@thecompanycurator.co.uk.

Faith Carpenter
Director

Budgens - 5/7/18

Not sure if this is just idle gossip but I saw some official looking people outside Budgens today. Two of them had T-shirts with the word "Everyman" as a logo.

A quick internet search returns a high end cinema chain, barbers chain or a playhouse.

I'd prefer a playhouse but they looked too young and fashionable for that.

Anyone heard anything else?

Andrew

Well done Greenwich - 5/7/18

..... for answering point by point the grumblings of an earlier contributor and well done Name Supplied 3/7 for sticking up for our nice little town.

We have to get used to the fact that the Market Place is no longer the town centre, it is just somewhere the buses of our excellent bus service stop and turn round. The town centre is now Tesco's and eastwards to the A420.

What is happening is called evolving and it has been happening ever since the first inhabitants set up camp to take advantage of the water in the stream that now runs under the narrows between the Market Place and the Corn Market.

Dennis Haynes

Thanks - 5/7/18

Thanks again to all who donated to Macmillan Cancer Support, sponsored cycle ride I completed recently.

An email receipt for the money is now on display in McColl's paper shop window , and also at Shepherds Bakery Shop , London Street.

Jeff Wilson

Re Another 190 houses- 4/7/18

It's not too difficult to understand why all these new houses are being built. It's called greed.

1. "All the council wants is money, from anywhere they can get it, and these developments prove to be a cash cow."

I don't see how this is greed. The profits go to the developer and not to any council. Depending on when the planning permission was granted the councils receive either S106 or CIL money towards improving infrastructure and facilities for the local area. This money is earmarked in advance for specific improvements.

2. "The problem is that there is no infrastructure to support them."

The S106 or CIL is only levied when the 50th house has been sold.

3. "The town centre is dead. There is really no reason whatsoever now to go into the centre. There is nothing there. Tesco have seen to that, and Waitrose and Aldi have just added to the 'Marie Celeste' town centre."

I don't disagree with you there but it is an economic situation happening all over the country. No council is in a position to dictate to landlords, shopkeepers and banks as to how they can conduct their businesses. They can only try to influence them.

4. "The roads are crumbling fast and at best are now patchwork quilts. London Street and Coxwell road are now single track roads, and twice a day Canada Lane is a war zone."

Again this is a nationwide problem and, according to the press, the government is helping local authorities to deal with the problem. If you have specific complaints report them to <https://www.fixmystreet.com/>

5. "Is it any wonder that no sensible independent trader wants to set up shop in the centre. It will not last long with virtually no footfall.

Nobody seems interested in the people that live here now, only in installing new people, with no facilities added to keep them here.

I fear for the future of Faringdon, as there is nothing to keep young people here.

It's about the council and the chamber opened their eyes to see what is going on, and take action before it's too late."

Which council? Town/Parish who are a consultative body of volunteers with no powers to change the economic decisions made by businesses. District Council, County Council or Central Government? Faringdon Chamber of Commerce is currently very short of members and practically non-existent. Both the Town Council and the Chamber are made up of residents of Faringdon and have exactly the same concerns as all the other residents. Despite the "greed" you appear to think the councils are influenced by, they do not have the economic clout to change things.

As a personal opinion, if you look at old pictures and photos of Faringdon there were weekly livestock markets, the coaches came here to stop overnight and there was a major assizes court here. Faringdon didn't die when those went, it evolved and I suspect the same will happen this time.

Greenwitch

re. Housing Developments- 3/7/18

Please, folk, could we STOP with the recent spate of negative comments about local building developments and the town centre etc.

There is a lot going on in the town if you are prepared to look for things to do and to contribute.

The Community Bus will get you to a cash-point, and the Lloyds Mobile Bank comes often enough and seems perfectly efficient. The Post Office is there for cash, too. Just choose a time of day when it's likely to be less busy. We have the fabulous 66 bus and the very useful 67.

You only have to spend a bit of time on either of these buses to realise that house- building is going on all around us. If you go further afield you see houses going up everywhere, not just in the Vale.

Name Supplied.

Cat found- 3/7/18

We have found a cat, white with distinctive tabby markings, wandering around the Orchard Hill estate. We have checked at the vets and found that the cat is microchipped but no record of the owner could be found. If it is yours or you know of anyone whose cat is missing please contact us through this website. genewebb@rocketmail.com

Name Supplied

[Picture](#)

Another 190 houses- 2/7/18

It's not too difficult to understand why all these new houses are being built. It's called greed.

All the council wants is money, from anywhere they can get it, and these developments prove 50 be a cash cow.

The problem is that there is no infrastructure to support them.

The town centre is dead. There is really no reason whatsoever now to go into the centre. There is nothing there. Tesco have seen to that, and Waitrose and Aldi have just added to the 'Marie Celeste' town centre.

The roads are crumbling fast and at best are now patchwork quilts. London Street and Coxwell road are now single track roads, and twice a day Canada Lane is a war zone.

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Name supplied.

Re: another 190 houses..- 2/7/18

It's difficult to see why these developments keep getting approved when OCC only get £2.5m out of the deal, still at least the town gets £57k for vital public art instead of wasting it on things like a traffic warden to at least try to keep the traffic flowing.

Name Supplied

Lord Berners Wheatsheaf Ale (ABV 4.7%) NEW ale on the bar at The Wheatsheaf

Freehouse- 1/7/18

Lord Berners Wheatsheaf Ale is a beautiful amber colour, brewed with English malt & hops....perfect for a summer's day.

Lord Berners Wheatsheaf Ale badge has been hand-crafted & hand-painted by Phil Taylor who is a commercial artist to the brewing trade.

We hope you enjoy our new ale on the bar from The Wheats

190 houses south of Highworth Road- outline permission given - 30/6/18**Developer contributions****District Council Amount (£)**

Faringdon Leisure Centre Gym* £12,941
Faringdon Indoor Bowls Club* £1,500
Faringdon Rugby Club* £9,562
Faringdon Football Club* £37,668
Tennis Courts in Faringdon* £3,000
Upgrading of sports hall facilities at Pump House* £62,000
Youth sport (e.g. Folly Park trim trail)* £11,852
Biodiversity off-setting £25,710
Waste/recycling bins £32,300
Public art £57,000
Street Naming £2,546
GP/NHS facilities (clinical commissioning group)* TBC
Faringdon TC – community bus* TBC
Faringdon TC – sensory garden* TBC
Faringdon TC – allotments* TBC
Monitoring Fee £5,189
Total £261,268

Oxfordshire County Council Amount (£)

Bus service £212,230
Travel plan monitoring (5 yrs) £1,240
Bus infrastructure £15,000
Upgrade to Gravel Walk/Marlborough Road/Station Road/Coxwell Street junction £99,423.20
Primary School* £1,020,000
Primary land £84,400
Nursery provision* £208,000
Secondary school* £774,210
Monitoring £10,144
Total £2,424,647.20
Overall current total £2,685,915.20
Total per unit £14,136.40

OCC have confirmed that they are no longer able to seek contributions towards the library and day care as there are no current costed schemes for these improvements. As such the requests do not meet the three tests for seeking obligations as set out in the NPPF and are therefore removed.

More info

on www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/java/support/Main.jsp?MODULE=ApplicationDetails&REF=P16/V0775/O#exactline

Library volunteers wanted - 30/6/18**Rhyme Time Volunteer at the Library**

A host helps library staff plan and deliver fun and interactive sessions involving rhymes and simple stories for children under 5 and their parents/carers.

Community library volunteers support the day-to-day operation of the library. The role includes:

- keeping the library stock tidy and attractively displayed

- helping customers to find and choose books
- helping customers to use self-service and the public computers
Contact Sheena.Gutteridge@Oxfordshire.gov.uk

Winners of Faringdon in Bloom 2018 - 30/6/18

Best Small Garden won by Chris Platt

Highly Commended awarded to Scharlie Meeuws.

Best Large Garden won by Stephen Stallard

Highly Commended awarded to Andrew Townsend.

Best Communal Gardens won by Urszula Oglodzinska resident of Brackendale.

Highly Commended awarded to Faringdon Bowls Club.

Best Allotment won by Michael Sprules.

Highly Commended awarded to Annemarie Vine.

Best Business Hanging Baskets won by The Wheatsheaf.

Highly Commended awarded to The Swan.

Best Business Floral Display won by African Children's Fund

Highly Commended awarded to Faringdon Library.

Joy to the Community

Waymark Properties

Pat Thomas Butchers

Mary McGuigan

Sandra Steele

Plant Collection Ann Hunt

Best Crafted Flower won by Isabela Pierzga -Dudzik.

Highly Commended awarded to Scharlie Meeuws.

Winner of the Winners won by Michael Sprules

Best Junior Gardner Ilka Rodgers

Best Junior Miniature Garden awarded to Viktoria Dudzik

Highly Commended awarded to Keira Ralph.

Runners up were:

Lewis Forbes

Jacob Moore

Creative award given to Siena Vincent

To see all the wonderful pictures from the event [see Town Council website](#)

What sort of a hic town is Faringdon where there are No ATM's.- 30/6/18

Has Tesco now got the monopoly on them as well as everything else. In this day and age it's a joke but actually it's no Joke.

What do senior citizens who do not have transport do?.

Name supplied

War Memorial Trust Remembrance Exhibition- 29/6/18

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

This year marks the centenary of the end of the first World War, 'the war to end all wars' and the overlooked battles of 1918 that cost the lives of many local men.

If you have any memorabilia, particularly photographs, letters, postcards and stories, that you would like to share, not just of WW1 but of any conflicts with which your family members were involved, please bring them to the Faringdon Town Council offices (in the Pump Rooms on the

Market Place) before Wednesday, 7th November; the office is open between 9:00 am and 4:00 pm, Monday to Friday. We would be particularly interested in stories and memorabilia involving local women and their role in WW1 and how the war affected families on the 'home front'. Any precious items that you may think to be too valuable to exhibit can be photocopied and the Trust will take care to return original items to their owners.

The exhibition will be open to the public from 10:00 am until 4:00 pm on Friday 9th and Saturday 10th November, and after the Remembrance Day ceremony on Sunday 11th until 1:00 pm. Volunteers who would like to help in manning the exhibition should contact the Faringdon Town Council Offices on 01367 240281.

Lloyds horse box.- 29/6/18

There won't be anywhere for customers to shelter from the rain and wind in the winter months because Lloyds really don't want to have the horse box there at any time so they will make the experience as miserable and as difficult as possible hoping customers just won't use it giving Lloyds the excuse of "well we supplied alternate banking because we really care about our customers but no one used it so we had no choice but to take it away as it just wasn't cost effective".

I know that people now bank online more than people use actual banks but, there are still a large amount of the populous that want to use cheque books and you can't get twenty quid out of your computer can you and clambering up steps to get into a horse box really doesn't do it for me. Name Supplied.

Art Society Trip to London 28th June has spaces- 25/6/18

'The Summer Exhibition'

Bigger, brighter and more exciting than ever before. Co-ordinated by Grayson Perry RA, 1200 artworks have been selected from a record 20,000 entries 'You will see art you love, art you hate, art that leaves you thinking and art that simply puts a smile on your face'.

<https://www.royalacademy.org.uk/exhibition/summer-exhibition-2018>

'The Great Spectacle' tells the story of the Summer Exhibition, the prestigious and longest running open exhibition of contemporary art in the world, from its start 250 years ago. It will highlight the impact of these exhibitions on art across the world, offering visitors a fascinating journey from Joshua Reynolds in 1769 to [Wolfgang Tillmans](#) and the present day. Also included are the controversies and disputes caused by the exhibition such as the rivalry between Turner and Constable In 1832 and Alfred Munnings's disdain for 'modern art' in his presidential speech of 1949. The exhibition's journey starts in 1769 when Joshua Reynolds was RA president and continues to Wolfgang Tillmans in 2018.

<https://www.royalacademy.org.uk/exhibition/the-great-spectacle>

£21 for non members. Local pick up points

Contact Shelagh Baxter 01367 241173

Lloyds Bus- 24/6/18

Having read the item about the Lloyds Mobile Banking Bus there must be some concern about the fact that people will have to stand around in the cold and wet - particularly the elderly - during the winter months, and if we should have another winter like the last one, this could cause all sorts of problems. I wonder if any of the local clergy has given any consideration to approaching Lloyds about the possibility of using a room for the banking service (no pun intended), at one of the churches, or whether even the Corn Exchange could be used, where people could at least wait in the warm and dry?

Name Supplied

Sad News - 22/6/18

We are very sad to share the news of the death of Dr Graham Scott Brown on Sunday 17th June 2018 after a short illness. Graham worked as a GP in the Fernhill Medical Practice in Faringdon from 1983 until his retirement some 17 years later. He was an active member of All Saints' church, where he served as one of the Licensed Lay Ministers right up until the week of his death. Graham with his wife Margaret will be known by many for over 20 years of service with the International Nepal Fellowship in Nepal, prior to returning to the UK in 1983 and settling in Faringdon.

There will be a Service of Thanksgiving for Graham's life in All Saints Church, Faringdon on Tuesday 10th July at 12 noon.

It is with great sadness that we also announce the sudden death of Canon John de Wit, who died on Sunday 17th June, the same morning as Dr Scott Brown. John retired to Faringdon with his wife Pam after his final post in the Church of England as Archdeacon of The Netherlands, Belgium and Luxembourg, based in Utrecht. John was a talented painter of icons and an accomplished 'cellist and he and Pam enjoyed singing with the Faringdon Singers. They also belonged to the Oranje Duiven (*Orange Pigeons*) group of those in Faringdon with Dutch connections. John was very generous in his retirement helping take services at All Saints' church and at other churches in the Deanery of the Vale of White Horse.

John's funeral will take place at All Saints', Faringdon on Thursday 12th July at 2.30 pm.

It is politely requested that local friends planning to attend Graham Scott Brown's or John de Wit's funeral either walk, bicycle or come by bus to the church if at all possible, as there will be many visitors from out of town to both services so parking nearby may not be easy.

Permission for Cycle training area - 22/6/18

A small cycle training area on unused land in the Folly Sports Park, with safe storage for bicycles and equipment.

This project will create a safe cycling area for children on unused land in the Folly Sports Park:

- mini-village with small road network with junctions, roundabout and fun landscaping
- safe storage area for bikes and equipment

It links into the existing 1km folly Park Perimeter path for cycling improvers and those who need to build confidence, balance, coordination and independence.

This will help provide activities for children and young people

Outline consent has been

given www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/java/support/Main.jsp?MODULE=ApplicationDetails&REF=P18/V0662/O#exactline

Thankyou - 21/6/18

Thankyou to all friends and family who supported my charity 'Nightrider' cycle around London on the evening of June 9th/10th, with donations.

I was pleased to complete the cycle ride, safely, in 4 hours.

Grateful thanks to Lilian Ash of Sheffords Bakers, London St, and her customers, for support and encouragement.

I have now sent all money to Macmillan's Cancer Support, a total of £409.61 was donated.

When I receive the receipt from Macmillan's Cancer Support it will be displayed in McColl's and Lilian's Bakers shop.

Once again many thanks to all

Jeff Wilson

Canada Lane Parking - 21/6/18

Parking during school times has been a problem for many many years. . I have lived on The Pines for 40 + years and on numerous occasions have complained to the Police, only to be told basically it is not a problem. Common sense dictates to me that the safe option is to take your child/children out of the car onto the pavement, apparently not so for numerous parents. Sooner or later there will be a serious accident. Too late then for action.

Name supplied

Lloyds Bus.- 19/6/18

Well, like their lush adverts keep telling us on the TV virtually every night that" we're not alone", I joined the merry band of Lloyds customers forming a relatively orderly queue outside the new mobile bank this morning avoiding of course motorists trying to park their vehicles while customers still guarded their position in the queue as the Keizerchiefs once sang I predict a riot.

I did think that we could all pat and stroke a horse of our choice as the advert clearly shows but none seemed to be there this morning so I waited patiently for my turn to go inside, as you can only get two customers in at a time and with the lift being operated for pushchairs and the elderly it took some time, my mind wandered onto imagining what this experience would be like in November with heavy rain and the wind blowing up your gusset whether the queue of people would be so jolly I would hazard a guess of no, they wouldn't .

I had a little chat with the driver and he informed me that they had had a problem parking the mobile bank in the car park as the council had refused to allocate it a proper space so had to wait until a big enough parking spot had become vacant, so don't get used to the positioning as it will change every time it turns up, still adds to the new Lloyds experience I suppose.

My banking done I did ask if they were planning doing any seaside outings during the rest of the summer and to put me down for two tickets for Bournemouth...no sense of humour some people.

On leaving the mobile bank the length of the queue outside had grown and smiles had left many faces, perhaps they too expected to pat a horse.

Name Supplied

Canada Lane parking.- 19/6/18

When will somebody in authority take action about the parking outside the school on Canada Lane.

The road is a 'no go' road twice a day, with cars parked illegally, and small children exiting cars on the road side and running out into the road.

Is it going to take a child being struck by a car before something is done, or doesn't anybody in authority care enough to do anything to prevent this from happening.

Name supplied.

Carpenter and plumber/builder wanted- 19/6/18

I need a recommendation for a good carpenter and plumber/builder. Many thanks.

annabelle.lilly@hotmail.co.uk

Cotswold Hare Trail- Faringdon - 17/6/18

You can see a list of all the hares in Faringdon and nearby on p15 of

www.cotswoldsharetrail.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/06/Trail-guide-online-5.pdf

Ed

Wanted - 17/6/18

Desperate bride requires Scottish Dancers or similar for wedding in Faringdon August 18th 2018 (pub venue)

please contact rebeccaluck@hotmail.com if you think you can help

Forever Hounds Trust: Big Hound Chill Out- 17/6/18

Forever Hounds Trust, a charity that rescues and rehomes greyhounds, lurchers and other sighthounds in the UK, are appealing for members of the public to get involved in an annual fundraising event held over the August Bank Holiday weekend.

The Big Hound Chill Out invites supporters to pick their favourite way to relax – be it a family BBQ, pamper evening or maybe something a bit more active like a walk with friends – then invite people along and ask for a donation in return.

Project Manager for Community Fundraising Development, Anna, says: ‘ We all know that a lot of greyhounds and lurchers like nothing more than a good chill out, snoozing on a sofa, or stretching out in their favourite comfy spot. Now anyone can help our dozing hounds by holding your own Chill Out event – fun and fundraising all rolled into one! However people choose to take part, every penny goes towards dogs in need in the UK and the beauty is that anyone can get involved!’

Can't wait to get started? For more information, please

email fundraising@foreverhoundstrust.org or call Anna on 07849 833 102

FollyFest contact information- 17/6/18

Picking up on the earlier comment regarding FollyFest. Contact details are as follows;

Enquiries@faringdonfollyfest.co.uk

Stalls@faringdonfollyfest.co.uk

Comms@faringdonfollyfest.co.uk

Or contact us via our Facebook page '@Follyfest'

Richard Marlow

More applications for housing- 16/6/18

4 houses on Ferndale St

<http://www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/java/support/Main.jsp?MODULE=ApplicationDetails&REF=P18/V1228/FUL>

67 on Fernham Road(plus extra parking for the school

www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/java/support/Main.jsp?MODULE=ApplicationDetails&REF=P18/V1362/O

Ed

A Spitfire Supermarine PR19.... - 15/6/18

One of the last living pilots of the Spitfire PR19 lived in Faringdon - Peter Fahy

<https://ncap.org.uk>

No idea if this was related or just a coincidence.

Richard Ryan

The Human Story theatre - 12/6/18

A number local venue's are hosting this brilliant theatre group called The Human Story Theatre. They are putting on performance concerning dementia and how it affects a family relationship.

- 27th June at Carterton Library 6.30pm start
- 5th July The Beacon Wantage 7.30pm
- 20th July Faringdon Library 7pm

Lloyds Mobile Bank - 12/6/18

Southampton St car park

- Monday 09.45-12.00
- Wednesday 12.45-15.00
- Friday 13.00-15.00

A spitfire Supermarine PR19 - 8/6/18

.....came down from CONINGSBY, today at 20;00hrs, 7th June, made 5 circuits and then returned to Conningsby,.

Any clues to why this flight was made, and can we arrange a return flight?

Pat Hayton

ED: *Is it this?* <http://www.spyflight.co.uk/pr19.htm>

GP working days - 7/6/18

Details of which GP works when can be found on the GP working days tab on www.whmp.co.uk/making-appointments.aspx.

So if it's a particular dr you want to see you can see which day to make your call.

If you haven't seen the most recent practice newsletter (Spring 2018) you can find it on www.whitehorsepracticeppg.org.uk/news--your-views.html

WHMP Patient Group

Medical Centre building works- 7/6/18

The changes to the building are progressing well after a 3 week delay early in the project when the builder went bankrupt

The main entrance should be usable again in early July. Work to change the back office area will continue in the background.

On target to be complete in September

[WHMP Patient Group](#)

Lloyds Bank closing. - 7/6/18

Good riddance. Poor customer experience to be had in there. Tried to open an account once. The number of hoops to jump through, an Olympic athlete would have been proud. Only thing I shall miss is the ATM. Otherwise, good riddance.

Colin Eddy

Could you offer one of our lovely rescue dogs a kind and knowledgeable forever home?- **6/6/18**

We are looking for experienced people to adopt these lovely dogs that have been rescued from the harsh conditions of Romanian public dog shelters.

Each of the dogs rescued were kept in 'kill' shelters in Romania and were due to be put to sleep. The conditions at these shelters are horrendous, the dogs do not have enough food, no comfort and the only human kindness they experience is from volunteers that are allowed only limited access to care for the hundreds of dogs kept in these places.

Here at Charney the dogs are provided with quality food, warmth, love, exercise and socialisation and are now ready to start their new lives.

Despite everything they have been through these dogs now trust that human beings are not all bad, but of course they have memories of previous ill treatment. Many of these dogs have never lived in a home and there is so much they need to learn about our way of life.

We have little or no information about these dogs before they entered the shelters in Romania. We

cannot give assurances that they are suitable to be homed with children, other dogs, cats or other small animals.

If you are prepared to help and teach one of these wonderful dogs how to be your devoted companion then please contact:

Carly on 01367 241063 or email charneypetcarecentre@gmail.com

Follyfest - 6/6/18

Does anyone know the website for Faringdon arts festival. I have tried to enquire about booking a table to sell stuff. The website that I have tried to use won't let me apply. There is also lack of information & who you talk to about the festival.

Name supplied

A new exhibition 'Hospital: Faringdon's Pump House in WWI' August 17th, 2018.- 6/6/17

The exhibition will feature previously unseen items from Lord Faringdon's personal collection, which have been in storage at Buscot Park. His grandmother, Lady Violet Henderson, was a registered nurse caring for her husband, brother, father and uncle, who had been wounded in the Boer War (1899-1902). With the onset of war, she took the decision to set up an Auxiliary Red Cross Hospital at her home, Kitemore House at Shellingford, where she and four nurses cared for wounded 'inmates'. The hospital was transferred to The Pump House in Faringdon during the First World War.

Sally Thurston, Clerk to Faringdon Town Council, says 'the Town Council are very excited to be working with Buscot Park and The Company Curator to develop this museum exhibition in the centre of Faringdon. Our residents have long wanted to see a dedicated museum that celebrates Faringdon's rich and diverse history. This will be the first step in realising that ambition.'

The exhibition is being curated by Faith Carpenter, Director of The Company Curator, with the support of Faringdon Town Council and Buscot Park Estate.

Faith would like to involve local residents and to show stories and items with local importance. "*We are asking anyone who has items connected with Faringdon's hospital in WW1 if they would like to lend them to have them displayed, or to tell us their stories to see if they would be suitable for featuring in the exhibition. It will be lovely to be able to show items from Faringdon in the exhibition and to tell the stories of those involved.*"

If you have a story, photograph or an item connected with the Red Cross Auxiliary Hospitals at the Pump House in Faringdon or Kitemore, please email heritage.assets@thecompanycurator.co.uk. The exhibition will run from August 18th, 2018 for approximately six months.

Faith Carpenter

Director, The Company Curator

Have your say on housing land supply proposals- 6/6/18

Have your say on a government proposal to give Oxfordshire councils greater protection from speculative housing development - on sites which are not the most suitable or preferred - as we plan for the county's future housing needs. The Oxfordshire Growth Board, which we are part of along with all of Oxfordshire's councils and key strategic partners, is consulting on the proposals which would mean we will only need to provide a three-year land supply, rather than the five-year supply which is normally required, while we develop a Joint Statutory Spatial Plan (JSSP). A JSSP is being drawn up to provide a tool for considering the county's growth in a co-ordinated, long-term way, in addition to localised plans which help to guide development at district-level.

The proposals would also mean that a Housing Delivery Test (HDT) would be in place for three

years after the JSSP has been adopted.

The changes being put forward under the proposals would make it harder for unplanned speculative housing development to get planning permission and would also allow us to focus on preparing the JSSP and our respective Local Plans.

For more detail on the proposals, and to submit your views, please visit the [Oxfordshire Growth Board website](#) [This link will take you to an external website...](#) . The consultation is open until 11.45pm on Thursday 12 July.

New Airbnb in Faringdon - 6/6/18

It's an annex to our family home – part of the building but entirely private and self-contained. It's only just been renovated and for visitors coming to the area on a short-term basis, it offers privacy, comfort and a home from home.

The main room comprises a bedroom and eating/work area – with double bed, table and chairs, plus storage for clothes and belongings. The en-suite leads off from this, with shower basin and toilet, while the kitchenette comes with fridge, cooker, hobs, toaster, cutlery, pans and plates, kettle, iron and ironing board. There's also a small outside patio with table and chairs that's exclusive to guests.

The per night cost is £45, while the weekly cost is £252 (discounted by 20%) and monthly cost £821 (discounted by 40%). The link with pictures can be found

at <https://www.airbnb.co.uk/rooms/23879915?location=Faringdon%2C%20United%20Kingdom&adults=1&guests=1&s=nEn6z-MO>

Lizzie Philpott

Cycling- 5/6/18

If you enjoy cycling with others, then FARCYCLES could be just what you're looking for!

Add yourself to the emailing list here - and you'll get a weekly email with the route info

etc. <https://farcycles.weebly.com/contact-farcycles.html>

Sjoerd Vogt

Re 190 Houses South of Highworth Road - 5/6/18

David, having been to previous planning meetings open to the public I have found that Roger Cox has often been at odds with my own opinions. This is why I have never voted for him, and wouldn't give him the time of day even when he has stood on my doorstep canvassing for votes.

Regards

Grumpy Old man

Re 190 Houses South of Highworth Road - 4/6/18

So once again Roger Cox has spoken in support of a planning matter that the Town Council has objected to. If he doesn't support the views of the majority of this towns elected members, perhaps it is about time for the townsfolk not to support him.

David Hughes

Faringdon Folly Open Sunday 3rd- 1/6/18

Good forecast for Sunday- sunny, no rain- and the Tower is open(11-5)

The foxgloves are just coming into flower. There are loads- mostly on the North side- very pretty- pink and white. We've never had so many. Seems as if they've liked the spaces we've made by getting rid of brambles and nettles.

Gene Webb

We will visit again - 31/5/18

My wife, son and I just returned to the U.S. from a 15 day driving tour of the U.K. and Scottish highlands. I doubt there's enough room here to fully express how utterly happy it makes us to think of our little stopover in Faringdon.

Our goal was to simply grab a quick snack and get back on the road. We stopped into the tourist office to make sure we could park without penalty and were immediately given a key to the most incredible little church.

Two hours later we were all smiles and had the absolute best Cornish Pasties of our trip on the way out of town.

If someone can respond with the name of the kindest, most energetic tourist agent who so affectionately welcomed us I would share it often.

If ever there was a person properly fitted to a position, this young lady is that person.

We will return to the U.K., and we will visit Faringdon again.

Greg Brown

Plants for sale - 30/5/18

For the past 10 years I have had a small plant sale raising funds for charity. First for Macmillan and now Help for Heroes.

Hope to be up and running later this week.

If you have any spare plants, seedlings I would love to receive them.

Fancy having a go at "growing your own" ? I have peas, broad beans, French and runner beans. It's not too late.

I am in Fernham Rd opposite the entrance to Community College.

Please share with your friends. Thanks.

Val Hudspeth

Community Awards - 25/5/18

We are delighted to announce the winners of the 2018 Faringdon Town Council Community Awards.

Town Mayor Cllr. David Barron presented the awards at the ceremony on Monday evening.

Huge Congratulations to all the winners:

- The Clive Davis Community Hero Award went to Sjoerd Vogt
- The Group Award to Faringdon Rugby Club
- The Business Award to Pat Thomas Butchers
- This year's Volunteer Award was awarded posthumously to Rick Ebsworth for over 20 years of voluntary work in the Acacia Charity Shop.
- Going forward the volunteer award will also be renamed The Rick Ebsworth Volunteer Award.

Over 1400 votes were received from residents.

Thank you to all who nominated and voted.

Fund raising for MacMillan Cancer Support - 24/6/18

I have entered the 2018 London Nightrider 50km Charity cycle ride. Taking place overnight on June 9th/10th, around Central London.

If you would like to donate to this please see Lilian at Sheffords Bakery, London St, Faringdon.

All donations will go to Macmillan Cancer Support. All entry fees and expenses covered by myself.

Thankyou

Jeff Wilson

07867 636628

190 Houses South of Highworth Road - 24/5/18

This application is due to be decided in July. Loads of objection letters from local people.

I came across on VWHDC site

- representative of Faringdon Town Council, spoke objecting to the application.
- a representative of Great Coxwell Parish Council, spoke objecting to the application.
- a resident spoke objecting to the application.
- the applicant's agent, spoke in support of the application.
- Councillor Roger Cox, one of the local ward members, spoke in support of the application.

www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/java/support/Main.jsp?MODULE=ApplicationDetails&REF=P16/V0775/O#exactline

Ed

Wild Flower Meadow- 24/5/18

The wild flower meadow off Highworth Road is beautiful at the moment. It's well worth a visit. There is a footpath around the field and at the moment it is dry.

Mary Tutt

Potholes. - 23/5/18

i have twice hit holes not marked up, and twice been kicked back trying to claim for replacement tyres and a buckled alloy-thrown out.

They make the rules, they interpret the rules; Always in their favour it seems. Now I have seen them putting out "bumpy road surface signs" as that gets them out of paying for any claims.

Name Supplied

Potholes- 22/5/18

You can report potholes via [Fix my Street](#) or phone **0345 310 1111**.

If a pothole has marks painted round it, the council knows about it and it's on the list for repair.

I understand that the council is not liable for any damage to your car as a result of hitting one of these identified potholes.

What about at night? I wonder if they use luminous paint??

Name Supplied

Thames Valley Police alert- reassurance - 22/5/18

You may have noticed an increase in police presence in Faringdon today following an incident last night (21/5). Reports came in that there was a man with a firearm in Faringdon and local policing, armed police and the NPAS helicopter were called out. The man matching the description given was found, arrested and searched. After an extensive search, no firearm was found on him or in the area and subsequently the man was de-arrested as there was no risk to the public.

Town Meeting May 21st 2018 - 22/5/18

Community Award winners Presented by the new Mayor David Barron

Community Award winners

- Sjoerd Vogt
- Faringdon Rugby Club
- Pat Thomas Butcher
- Rick (from the Charity shop) posthumously

Plans and ideas for the coming year

- Community engagement plan with the aim of linking with more diverse groups.
- Support The Place Children's Centre
- Support Town Centre Development Officer
- Exhibition at the Tourist Information for 18/8 end of WW1
- Youth Grants program- application papers available at the meeting, will probably be on ftc website
- Become water friendly- water fountain in the Town Centre
- Tidy Team
- CCTV in town centre- maybe
- Encourage activities in the town centre to encourage visitors

Other matters

- Items from the January town meeting will be taken to the next Traffic Advisory meeting- pedestrian crossings, badly worn pavements in Town Centre,
- There's a Town Council Strategic working group meeting on 30th May. Contact FTC with any ideas you have.
- Faringdon United Charities have £500k in the bank. They want people in need to apply for funds.
See <http://faringdonunitedcharities.co.uk/>
- Folly Fest 27th-29th July
- Rotary gives away a great deal of money. This year it will be focused on Faringdon. Apply via <http://www.rotary-ribi.org/clubs/homepage.php?ClubID=535>
- Heritage Day 15th September. Buildings open, crafts, exhibition Old Town Hall
- Hare Trail (not an FTC project) Launch thought to be end May
- Parking issues. - Roger Cox says he has requested a review of VWHDC/OCC position re taking over responsibility for parking enforcement .
- All reports from Council and Community groups can be found on <http://faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk/>

Ed

Website issue- 21/5/18

I understand that some people are unable to load this page on occasions.

I believe it is to do with broadband speed and maybe PC power as it appears to be an intermittent problem.

It always loads for me, whether I use desktop, phone or tablet.

Apologies, but I don't know what to advise except to keep trying, perhaps at a quiet time of day.

Maybe clearing out internet history from your PC would help. Maybe checking your broadband speed and provider performance.

Ed

Town Meeting Monday 21st May- 19/5/18

Corn Exchange

6.30 Community Awards

7.30 Town Meeting

- Updates from Councillors
- Public Speaking time
- Launch of new Youth Services Grant funding

Everyone welcome (this is not a Town Council Committee meeting). I've been told that the main part of the meeting is the Public Speaking Time, when anyone can bring up a subject that matters to them

[See poster](#)

Grants for Community Projects - 19/5/18

Community groups and parish councils have just a few weeks to apply for district council funding to help pay for improvements to their village halls, sports facilities and community projects.

The deadline is 6 June for organisations to apply for capital grants from the Vale of White Horse District Council.

The same deadline applies for their New Homes Bonus grants which prioritise projects in areas which have seen an increase in new homes and population.

<http://www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/services-and-advice/community-advice-and-support/grants>

Witney - Market Square Proposed Highway Improvements- 18/6/18

On behalf of Oxfordshire County Council I wish to inform you of the proposed highway works due to commence 11 June 2018 for approximately 20 working days, with a road closure programmed for the 23rd and 24th July 2018.

During the works buses will be permitted through the work when directed by work force at all times except during the road closure when temporary bus stop facilities will be made available in Longdale Gate.

Thank you for your anticipated co-operation during this scheme.

OCC

New Town Mayor- 16/5/18

We are delighted to welcome Cllr.David Barron as the New Town Mayor we also welcome Cllr. Keira Bentley as the Deputy Town Mayor.

Huge thanks to Cllr. Dr Mike Wise who has been a wonderful Town Mayor over the past few years and done a fantastic job in raising the profile and representing Faringdon.

Faringdon Town Council

New leader of the Council (VWHDC)- 16/5/18

Cllr Roger Cox is set to be confirmed as Leader of the Vale of White Horse District Council this evening. Roger and I were both elected for Faringdon & The Coxwells ward in 2003 and it has been a pleasure to work with him over the last fifteen years. I have no doubt that he will lead the Council with a clear vision and serve the people of the Vale incredibly well.

Today I stand down as Leader of the Council after seven years. It has been a fantastic experience and I am proud of the many achievements the Vale has made over the years and how we have tackled a number of challenges.

I will continue as councillor for the Steventon & the Hanneys ward on the Vale and look forward to serving under Roger's leadership. I will be continuing my other role as Deputy Police & Crime Commissioner on a full-time basis and look forward to updating you with the latest news on policing matters in the future.

Matthew Barber

Extract from his newsletter

World War I medals - 11/5/18

In just under 30 minutes yesterday, people from Faringdon raised £260 to purchase medals from an eBay private seller awarded to one of its First World War soldiers. We now have these medals in our possession and they will be mounted and framed ready for formal presentation to the town later in the year. Since yesterday morning, more of this soldier's personal items including something called a Death Plaque which would have been sent to his mother have been located also for private sale.

We now wish to raise more money to purchase these too and get them professionally mounted and framed to preserve them for future generations and keep on public display.

Please donate whatever you can towards this cause. Any remaining funds after framing will go towards future purchases of similar for the town.

<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/respectforfaringdonsoldiers1918>

Mel Lane

BUSCOT RUN - 5k & 10k - 11/5/18

The annual Buscot Run organised by Faringdon Rotary will take place this year on Sunday 1st 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.org

For further details call Roddy Benson 01367 243864. All proceeds go to our charity projects, most of which are local.

Proposed Cycle Safety Training Park - Folly Sports Ground Faringdon- 3/5/18

We are planning a cycle training park on unused land at the far side of the Folly Sports Park (see attachments for details).

Planning application is under consideration:

<http://www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/java/support/Main.jsp?MODULE=ApplicationDetails&REF=P18/V0662/O>

We are applying for funding grants, including from the Leader Fund and need letters of support from various community groups.

The estimated construction costs for the cycle training park is in the region of £45,000.

Letters and comments of support will be very helpful.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/results/SM-KRQ52L968/>

Here is a link to the first 100 responses to a recent Town survey - again positive and encouraging us to persevere with this project.

Lyn Williamson

Thames Valley Police re Rural Crime - 2/5/18

Join our online discussion on Rural Crime in Wantage & Faringdon (& surrounding areas) on **Thursday 10 May**

Join the Wantage and Faringdon Neighbourhood Policing Teams for an online question and answer session between **7pm-8pm on Thursday 10 May**.

Thames Valley Police is hosting the webchat, aimed at anyone with interests in Rural matters in Wantage and Faringdon (and surrounding towns and villages) including residents, visitors and workers.

A panel of representatives from the Neighbourhood Team including Sergeant Kevin Hickman will be on hand to take your questions.

We are using this opportunity to identify the main concerns of the community and how we can problem solve them and work together on these concerns going forward.

To join the session go to <http://tvpsouthandvale.coverpage.coveritlive.com/>

For a definition of rural crime see <https://www.thamesvalley.police.uk/advice/protecting-your-business/rural-crime/>

Town Centre Changes - 1/5/18

If it is true the Town Council are to end the Saturday Markets, then it is a bad decision.

If they have to close a market, close the Tuesday Market which is hardly attended as most people are at work. The Saturday Markets draw in people who would normally be at work and are usually really well attended - with the right advertising (which sadly hasn't been great for the last few markets). It generates a great atmosphere in town and anyone driving through might be inclined to stop and take a look.

I also wonder weather the Town Council has approached any of the current retailers to ask them to consider having a cash machine installed? When the remaining cash machine goes in June, I can see it having a disastrous effect on the town.

Name Supplied

Ed: See post 13/4/18 re Sat market

Faringdon Follies- 29/4/18

A production covering the history of Faringdon and the dramatic society. It's full of songs, poems, sketches and plays all about Faringdon and of course the Folly tower Tickets are on sale online now and in the Gifted Magpie by the end of the week. We hope it will be a really fun evening so get your tickets very soon. See you there.

[See poster](#)

[Faringdon Dramatic Society website](#)

Houses Fernham Road.- 29/4/18

<http://www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/java/support/Main.jsp?MODULE=ApplicationDetails&REF=P18/V0963/SCR>

It seems the application for houses at the end of Fernham Road is about to go ahead. No mention of the houses already agreed down there, Fernham Gate 2 and the ones in the beautiful orchard. It's already such a busy road but apparently OCC have done a traffic survey and there isn't an issue.

However the only traffic survey I've seen took part during the school summer holiday! If that is the case then it's very crafty.

Name Supplied

Town Council Spring Newsletter - 28/4/18

<https://mailchi.mp/360835099128/spring-newsletter?e=700f79bdd3>

Have you say Town Meeting and Community awards 21/5/18 [see poster](#)

Cheese & Wine Evening at Ferendune Court. Tuesday 8th May- 28/4/18

6.30pm-7.30pm

Do you have any spare time to be a 'Friend of Ferendune'? They desperately need help taking residents on trips, help with any events or even gardening. No huge committment - just the odd bit of time when you are free.Come along and find out more.

Contact: Michael 01367 244267

Faringdon Rocks - 26/4/18

Faringdon Rocks- a super project- such fun in so many ways. However may I ask that hidere and seekers avoid the planted areas at the Folly. The young shrubs (in shelters) are still vulnerable and because we've cleared some areas there are lots of woodland flowers beginning to appear- please don't tread on them. Please do keep to the paths. Thankyou

Gene Webb

Friend of the Folly

ROTARY CLUB'S DRAGONS' DEN- 25/4/18

Are you a community group or individual based Faringdon or local villages looking for funding assistance for a project or event? Why not enter Faringdon & District Rotary's Dragons' Den? Criteria for judging applications will include: local need and support for the activity/facility, long-term sustainable benefit, how local people will benefit, how many people will benefit, helping socially excluded people to take part in community activities, value for money.

Full details and application form from: www.faringdonrotaryclub.org Or telephone Rtn Alan Hall: 07807 534701 Closing date for applications Friday 4th May 2018

Remember the Neighbourhood Plan? - 15/4/18

[This is the list of wants/don't wants from residents in 2012.](#) It was the first step in creating a Neighbourhood Plan

Successful Record Fair- 25/4/18

Enormous thanks to DJ Citizen Cane and the people of Faringdon who enjoyed the sunshine at African Children's Fund's Record Fair in Faringdon Market Place on Saturday 21st April. We had a fantastic day with over £370 of records sold together with more vinyl donations.

If you missed out, we'll be holding another in Grove on 12th May!

[Al Cane in action](#)

Tamsyn Wymer

All Stars Cricket Programme for 5-8 year olds - 25/4/18

Buscot Park Cricket Club will be running an eight week long All Stars cricket introductory course for children 5-8 years old, from 5.00-5.45pm, starting on Friday 11th May.

All Stars Cricket gives children the chance to play, learn great skills and meet new friends.

The price includes includes a personalised t-shirt, bat, ball, cap, activity book and backpack.

The programme will involve skills like throwing, catching, hitting a ball and teamwork in a fun and safe environment.

Buscot Park Cricket Club is a family friendly club.

To book, please go to <https://www.ecb.co.uk/play/all-stars> and click on the link to [Buscot Park Cricket Club](#)

For more information contact Mike Heasman (Buscot Park Cricket Club General Secretary and All Stars Cricket Administrator) at buscotparkccsec@gmail.com

Pump House Project - 25/4/18

More details of these activities can be found on <http://www.thepumphouseproject.co.uk/whatson>

- **Information drop in @ Pump House** 1st Wednesday of each month – 0930-1100.
- **Singing for fun @ Pump House** every Wednesday (term time only) 1145-1245. £2 per session.
- **IT gadget drop-ins @ Pump House** – 1st Wednesday of each month 0930-1130.
- **Dementia Oxfordshire @ Pump House** – 1st & 3rd Monday of each month 1030-1200.

Report street cleanliness issues - 24/4/18

A number of our streets don't look as if they've been cleaned for a long time. The main issue appeared to be small detritus- cigarette ends, mud (in which weeds take root), and grit (sometimes from salting the pavements). It looked to me that although big litter is picked, sweeping of the pavements needs much more effort.

I have been told that the weekly inspection mainly focussed on reported areas (insufficient time to look at more places)

So lets point out the areas that need attention. She said either use [fixmystreet](#) (you need to choose Street Cleanliness from the drop down list, then reports go to both Biffa and Waste team in VWHDC) or email admin.vale@biffa.co.uk

If after a reasonable period of time the issue has not been dealt with report to VWHDC Waste Team waste.team@southandvale.gov.uk

The contract with Biffa is specified in terms of standards to be met ([Code of Practice, 2006](#)) rather than How they should clean the streets.

The standards vary (and the time to rectify) depending on whether deemed high intensity (Market Sq and streets around) or low intensity(other streets)

There's more [detail on this document](#)

If you live in an area designated as 'low intensity' I suspect the only way you can get cleanliness improved is by reporting it

I find it irritating that we have to do this to get our streets up to standard. On the other hand we can't expect VWHDC to know everything about what needs to be done.

Any suggestions about what we could do as town residents to improve the level of cleanliness ?
Ed

Building work has started at the Health Centre- 21/4/18

Please note that the main entrance to the Health Centre will be closed for essential building work through to August. All patients and visitors will have to use either the Yellow entrance on the left, or the Blue one on the right side of the building.

When you phone for an appointment we will tell you which entrance to use. This is important because, for a while, there will be no internal access between the Blue and Yellow wings. (*Look out for the big yellow and blue posters that list which side the drs and nurses will be*)

The front of the building will also be partly fenced off for the builders.

Please look out for the large Yellow or Blue signs directing you safely to the correct door.

Several parking spaces will be out of use so please park locally if you are dropping someone off and collecting them later.

The Health Centre apologises for this disruption. We hope everyone will understand that such major alterations inevitably mean some inconvenience for a while.

Spring Newsletter from White Horse Practice- 18/4/18

Lots to read- Building changes, evening and weekend appointments, online diagnosis, screening and more - all in the Spring 2018 newsletter <http://www.whitehorsepracticeppg.org.uk/news--your-views.html>

Folly Tower open this Sunday- 14/4/18

11am- 5pm

[The Folly is on facebook](#)-a good way to keep up with what goes on- you won't be inundated with emails

Potholes, street cleanliness reports again- 13/4/18

This site gets about 3000 page views each day and about 500 unique visitors per day. If just 10% of those people reported a pothole and/or a pavement that needed attention a couple of times a week together we should get some significant action.

Hope you'll give it a go.

I understand there is a fixmystreet app- I've not tried it yet- maybe one of you have? Any good?

Ed

I liked this - 13/4/18

Quote from Milton Friedman in 2004

There are four ways in which you can spend money:

- You can spend your own money on yourself. When you do that, then you really watch out what you're doing, and try to get the most for your money.
- Then you can spend your own money on someone else. For example I buy a birthday present for someone. Then I'm not so careful about the content of the present, but I'm very careful about the cost
- Then I can spend somebody else's money on myself. If I spend someone else's money on myself, then I'm sure going to have a good lunch

- Finally. I can spend someone else's money on somebody else. I'm not concerned how much it is, and I'm not concerned what I get
- And that's government. And that's close to 40% of our national income

Snippets from the FTC Council meeting 11/4 - 13/4/18

- The National Trust have appealed against the decision for cycle tracks in Badbury Clump. The Secretary of State will decide
- Faringdon Hares project sounds fun. Launch date is 18/5 (I think). The Cotswold Hare trail is launched (I think) 27/5
- Coach park signs (Near Waitrose) have been put up. Not sure if anyone has contacted the coach companies.
- VWHDC support for Saturday Markets has ceased. Markets will continue as planned for this year run by FTC staff. This is just for the short term. If Saturday markets are to continue another way is needed.
- The Place (Childrens Centre) likely to start early May. All day Thurs in the Pump House and other sessions at other times and places round town.
- A Resident spoke about illegal parking
- Police spoke about a spike in burglaries. Said they had no resource to do anything about illegal parking, except on an ad hoc basis.
- FTC are planning to spend £500 (106 money) on flower beds in the car park. First, discussion with VWHDC car parks team is needed to ensure that this does not mean ongoing care is the responsibility of FTC

Ed

Report street cleanliness issues - 12/4/18

This week I walked round the old town with the person who inspects our streets for cleanliness. The main issue appeared to be small detritus- cigarette ends, mud (in which weeds take root), and grit (sometimes from salting the pavements). It looked to me that although big litter is picked, sweeping of the pavements needs much more effort.

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can't expect VWHDC to know everything about what needs to be done.

Any suggestions about what we could do as town residents to improve the level of cleanliness ?

Ed

Report potholes - 12/4/18

Extract from County Councillors report

POTHOLE FUND BOOSTED TO REPAIR ROADS AFTER WINTER DAMAGE

Central Government has announced that local roads badly affected by recent winter weather will benefit from a further £100 million to help repair any potholes and other storm damage, Transport Secretary Chris Grayling announced on 26 March. Nationally, this money will help repair almost 2 million potholes as well as help protect the roads from any future severe weather. This is on top of the £75 million in government funding already given to councils from the Pothole Action Fund this year, as well as the additional £46 million boost for highways authorities announced just before Christmas. Around 7 million potholes across the UK will be filled due to this money, announced in the 2016 Budget. Oxfordshire's share of these funds comes to nearly £3m.

Let's help them by reporting potholes via [Fixmystreet](#)

You can see reported potholes on a map

If a pothole has been outlined with paint it has already been inspected by our team and programmed to be fixed, so you don't need to report it.

Ed

This website- 10/4/18

I was getting some spam emails though the contact form, so I have installed 'captcha' I'm told it only appears if it thinks you're spam. I'm hoping it knows all of you are not spam

Ed

Faringdon Town Centre is dying on its feet - 10/4/18

.....and yes, I've signed the petition.

I believe, though, a local museum is unlikely to attract visitors, however well meant that feature may be. There is very little of sufficient interest here to justify it.

Visitors are attracted by the visual impact of a place, its amenities in the shape of pretty shops, eating places and so on. Of course we are on the edge of the Cotswolds, but not quite close enough; Burford etc. provide too much competition.

What could have been a very good, although small, exhibition space exists at the Old Town Hall. As an exhibition space it was RUINED by the inclusion of the two display cupboards on the largest wall in the room, so whoever approved that should have taken more advice. It might be a gesture to remove these display cupboards and use the OTH as an exhibition space again. Properly marketed, that could be a real asset.

Another idea that might be considered is the use of the Catholic Church as a concert venue. Maybe the provision one way or another of a decent piano (Church willing) would over time enable the build-up of an audience. The Catholic Church is by far the best (acoustically speaking) place for small recitals/concerts in the town. The Corn exchange although refurbished is too large for this.

Smartening up the town centre with a sympathetic over-all colour scheme might also help. Maybe - just maybe, the site behind the library will become available again as a supermarket possibility, but I'm not holding my breath. The suggestion to have a supermarket there was the single most sensible idea for regeneration that I've heard since I've been in Faringdon (since 1969) and

chatting to many of the shopkeepers at the time, they agreed.

Hilary Taylor

Petition- Make sure the Budgens site is used to benefit Faringdon - 10/4/18

As our elected representatives, you will be well aware that **many of Faringdon's residents and business owners are very concerned about the decline in the Town Centre**, especially with the loss of its banks and only supermarket.

We have some tremendous assets in the immediate vicinity of the town. The Folly and its woodland for a start. Considering that forty years ago the tower was bricked up, and is now open twice a month during the summer, no-one can deny that the Folly Trust have done an amazing job. People travel from all over Oxfordshire, and beyond, for an enjoyable Sunday afternoon. Their children play in the quirky woodland, they climb the tower, take in the spectacular views, read the information boards about the area and how the tower came to be built.

And yet.. very few of these visitors venture into Faringdon. Beyond having a pub lunch there's nothing to keep them there. Nor is there very much to draw them back on the 340 or so days of the year when the Folly isn't open.

Looking at neighbouring towns of roughly the same size, they mostly have some non-commercial feature to attract and hold visitors. Wantage has the Vale and Downland Museum and walks along Letcombe Brook. Lechlade has the Thames Path. You can walk along the Windrush at Witney and Burford when you're tired of shopping.

Faringdon is lacking a natural (or even man-made) feature close to the town centre. The Folly? Yes, but it's a good hike up there and not ideal for the casual visitor. Faringdon House, grounds and lake would be ideal, but sadly there's not much chance of that in the foreseeable future.....

.....[read on and sign the petition](#)

Litter-pickers - 9/4/18

Congratulations and well done to the litter pickers. Not a pleasant job, I am sure, but something which makes Faringdon more attractive in a quiet way!

Mary Beck

First World war memories - 9/4/18

Can anyone tell me if there were any local documented memories for the First World War from the people who lived locally during the time? I've read the excellent collection of memories from World War 2 by Mary Beck on Faringdon.org but can't locate anything else yet I'm sure I've read something a few years ago. Can anyone point us in the right direction? We want to incorporate as much as we can into the Sensory Garden project and need to get it right. You can contact me at meljlane@me.com

Many thanks

Mel Lane

Project Manager - Faringdon Sensory Garden Project

www.faringdonsensorygarden.co.uk

Community Litter Pick- lots of people- 8/4/18

75 people!! Read about it on

<http://faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk/tidier-faringdon/>

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the Folly and the town. These include animals, birds and trees found on Folly Hill and the star and flag that sit on top of the Folly Tower. Joel Francis (Faringdon) designed both posters. <http://www.redskycreative-epublishing.co/>
Karen Vogt designed the art work for the frame
The noticeboard was funded from an Arts fund from housing developers and the Tesco Bags of life grant fund. Karen Vogt designed the art work.
[See picture](#)

Planning application to excavate sand from Folly Hill - 6/4/18

Don't panic- it was refused in 1987

[See the article in the paper](#)

Please do 'like' the [Folly facebook page](#) to keep up to date

Ed

Grants for Community groups from VWHDC - 6/4/18

See <http://www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/services-and-advice/community-advice-and-support/grants>

Dentistry survey - 6/4/18

Healthwatch Oxfordshire are running a survey to find out people's views and experience of **NHS dentistry** across Oxfordshire.

Do you use a dentist? Have you had trouble finding an NHS dentist? Do you never go? What's the service like in your area?

Let us know your views on NHS Dentistry across Oxfordshire, by filling in our short survey at the link below.

<https://healthwatchoxfordshire.co.uk/filling-the-gaps-your-views-on-nhs-dentistry-in-oxfordshire/>

Notes from FTC Communities and Partnerships meeting 4/4/18 - 5/4/18

1 The Place (Children's centre) will be up and running very soon

2 There is now a defibrillator at the Fire Station

3 Faringdon Day Centre. (Keith Thrower)

OCC (Oxfordshire County Council) have cut funding and closed a number of Day Centres (including Oakwood)

A transition grant has been awarded to Faringdon Day Centre (Bromsgrove) and this, with payments from those who attend (based on minimum 12 people per session, Mon, Thurs) , grants from Tesco, Waitrose, Faringdon United Charities and Rotary will be sufficient for the coming year. Around £21000 pa is needed.

- Transport for severely disabled people continues to be problematic.
- Volunteers are needed- Drivers and at the Day centre sessions

4 OCC has an innovation fund. £100k is available across the County. Open for applications April - June. Payment in September. No further information available (or found later on OCC website)

5 VWHDC was planning to allocate 106 money from the Highworth Road development to the Wantage Day Centre. FTC have pointed out there is a Day Centre in Faringdon as they didn't appear to know.

6 A Youth Challenge project (14yrs-26) involving community events and citizenship is about to be announced

7 A policy document on how Groups in the town can apply for funding Youth projects has been agreed

8 A community engagement policy for this committee is to be defined

9 A public meeting is to be arranged to tell residents what has been achieved over recent

years, and what is still to be done. The aim will be to form action groups to take forward as many projects as possible.

10 Regent Cinema. Issues with the Cinema and projection equipment have been resolved.

- Special screenings are provided for residents of Ferendune, the Memory clinic and the Day Centre.
- An outdoor cinema event via Skylive is planned
- Projection equipment in the Corn Exchange can be hired . (though due to licensing restrictions not to show films or TV productions)
- The cinema is thriving

11 Many more votes than previous years have been received for the Community Awards project. Winners to be announced at the Town Meeting in May.

12 A tapestry to commemorate 800 years since the Market Charter is being created. It will be hung in the Corn Exchange.

13 Faringdon Dramatic Society is producing a performance to celebrate the 800 Market Charter and 70 years of the Dramatic Society. It will cover the history of Faringdon and will be held at Buscot Park theatre.

- Performances 13-16 June, with a private showing on 12th June.
- It is now problematic for the Drama group to use the Junior School
- A 'black box' style performance venue is much needed

14 For information

- Litter Pick 7 April
- Civic Service 8th April
- Chilli Market 14 April
- Faringdon in Bloom 23/6, 24/6
- Spring newsletter nearly ready
- Request for an outdoor gym is being investigated
- There will be a film showing of the Royal Wedding
- Seats are needed outside Aldi and Waitrose
- Link to the nativity video is available- soon on FTC website
- The Hare trail is progressing
- Town Meeting 21/5/18

Ed

Faringdon Nativity - 4/4/18

The video for the Faringdon Town Nativity is ready and available for viewing at the below link
<http://faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk/nativity-video-is-here/>

Record Fair - 4/4/18

African Children's Fund, 11 Market Square, Faringdon, SN7 7HL

21st April 2018 09:00-17:00

Free entry

Due to popular demand, we're celebrating the vinyl revival by bringing our Record Fair to Faringdon on Saturday 21st April. We will have hundreds of records for sale on the day, ranging from soul to pop and folk to classical, in 7", 12" and LP formats.

What's more, Citizen Cane has promised to pop along and spin a few tunes to create a party atmosphere!

Invite your friends and make sure you're there early to get your pick of the pops!

01367 244480

SUMMER HOCKEY IN FARINGDON.- 4/4/18

Keep fit over the summer with Hockey training in Faringdon.

We plan to meet weekly from May to September and run fun training sessions for about 1 to 1 1/2 hours.

No previous experience needed and we can provide sticks and balls as well.

Spread the news and bring a friend or two as well.

Please e-mail, text or call to register your interest.

neil.mantle@btinternet.com

07740 938096

A thought just crossed my mind (no it wasn't a long journey).- 3/4/18

Just popped into McColls to post a letter (not for the faint hearted), firstly after getting through the door I couldn't go further into the shop as there was a long queue of people across the doorway waiting to be served at the front counter.

Once through that queue I joined the next queue for the post office bit, several shoppers breaking into our little band of patient stalwarts trying to buy magazines, some even standing there actually reading the contents of their chosen mag, (I know disgraceful behaviour isn't it) some were also trying to look at packaging and bubble wrap on the other side of the aisle, we small band of post office users almost linked arms to stop the intruders but to no avail our ranks were broken into on several occasions.

Eventually I was served by friendly PO staff and my effort to leave the store was just as time consuming and tedious as trying to get in. Boxes were in the way on the floor, shoppers looking at greetings cards/wine/chocolates/toys blocked the way I managed to swerve around and in my now panicked state of mind(I loathe mazes) I could see the light coming in through the doors.....only once again having to run the gauntlet of getting through the queue across the exit, the glaring eyes bore into my head as I excused my way through them I managed to exit....phew!

Now, as McColls seem to want be all things to all shoppers, newspaper shop, grocery shop, post office, toy shop and off licence wouldn't it make sense for them to take over what was the Budgens store, surely it could be all spread out to make shopping in there more enjoyable, the post office could be a much more staff and customer friendly place (seeing as we have to use the post office as a bank soon it could be so much better) either that or for pity's sake de clutter the existing store, everywhere in there is log jammed by either other shoppers or poorly thought out shelving and stands all serving as a hazard, as it is at the moment the layout just doesn't make anyone want to voluntarily go in and shop. We use it because we have to, not because we want to.

Name supplied

WANTED By Faringdon Bowling Club- 3/4/18

Ladies and Men of all ages to play Lawn Bowls in a friendly atmosphere. No previous experience needed as free coaching is available.

Other activities include weekly ladies Keep Fit class, fortnightly Coffee Mornings, monthly Sunday lunches, regular social evenings and weekly Friday Club Night with bar available.

Why not come along to one of our Friday evening bowls taster sessions starting 20th, April. Bowls is a great way to make new friends and to keep fit

For more information please contact the Membership Secretary, Trevor Durrant, on 01793 330564 or email trevor.durrant1@ntlworld.com

Faringdon Bowling Club Gravel Walk, Faringdon, SN7 7JN

Tel: 01367 242649

Lost- bunch of keys - 1/4/18

The keys were lost early Easter sunday morning in the Coxwell Rd./Street, Park Road, Marlborough Gardens, Costcutter area.

If found please hand them in to Gary at Costcutters.

Thankyou

Lechlade Road - 31/3/18

The new road surface on the Lechlade road is brilliant, but why oh why did they have to put those stupid humps back in, It can't be for traffic calming because vehicles still drive through there too fast.
Name supplied

TalkTalk- 29/3/17

Have other Talk Talk users in Faringdon had internet and telephone issues on Tuesday and Wednesday this week?
Name supplied

False rumours - 29/3/18

The Cobblers and the Toy Shop in the Cornmarket are NOT closing
Ed

News from the White Horse Medical Practice- 27/3/18

Lots to read- Building changes, evening and weekend appointments, online diagnosis, screening and more - all in the Spring 2018 newsletter <http://www.whitehorsepracticeppg.org.uk/news--your-views.html>

Carpenter wanted - 25/3/18

Does anyone know a good carpenter in faringdon?
Many thanks
Annabelle.lilly@hotmail.co.uk

FARINGDON 'SAVE OUR COMMUNITY' EVENT - 23/3/18

Support a local business, enjoy a good 'ole natter face to face and hear from someone who has been there and done, what we as a community, are hoping to achieve in Faringdon. What's not to like?

- Date: Tues 17th April
- Time: 6.45pm
- Cost: £2 (inc. first coffee/tea)

GUEST SPEAKER: Former BBC journalist Iain Nicholson is a town centres specialist who has worked on a number of projects and initiatives in towns, including Wantage. Iain has kindly offered to speak at this event so we can learn from his experiences.

Jane, owner of Stay Grounded in the Market Place, has kindly agreed to open especially for the event and is providing her delicious coffee and tea at a set price of *£2 (payment on the door) - depending on your 'usual' that's a huge discount!

Places are limited to 25 max. and will be offered on a first come, first served on the night. So please arrive early to avoid disappointment.

The event will finish promptly at 9pm.

Please spread the word with anyone not on Facebook.

*Applies to first drink only.

[See poster](#)

Community Litter Pick - 21/3/18

7th April 2018

2-5pm Meet at The Old Town Hall

further details please email rebekah@faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk

See [poster board](#)

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Litter on Folly Park View - 19/3/18

On Saturday I chatted to a man who was clearing weeds and rubbish from the circular footpath that goes from Southhampton Street to the NHS surgery. He said that everywhere is such a mess that he had decided to start on improving the environment and hoped the idea may spread. I hate all the litter that is dropped around the town so decided to try to help.

I live on the Folly Park View estate so I will be putting up notices in the estate notice boards to see if anyone would join with me to make a start on picking up litter on the estate. Faringdon is a lovely town and this estate is quite nice too and it is a great shame that litter, dog poo bags and mess spoil everywhere. Councils are underfunded these days and do not have the money to do everything so let us have a go ourselves.

if interested phone Mary on 01367 242410.

Faringdon Refill- A Zero Waste Wholefood Coop - 19/3/18

I know a lot of people are concerned about ways to reduce plastic waste.

There's a group of us in the process of setting up a refill stall/pop up shop in Faringdon selling loose wholefoods (eg, pasta, rice, cereal).

If anyone would like to be involved in the project, you would be welcome to join our

group https://www.facebook.com/groups/515167168884312/?fref=gs&dti=2215583620&hc_location=group

Helen Brown

Anyone know John Vine? - 18/3/18

In the 1970's my sport was judo. My instructor was John Vine from Faringdon. I believe John had cine film of me competing and I would love to be able to show these to my grandchildren. I lost touch with John and his family (wife Bette and daughter Sue) many years ago and not sure if they are even alive now, but if anybody knows the whereabouts of these films, even if they have been destroyed, I would love to know. Thank you. My surname was Lacey. foxcllem45@aol.com
Rowena Fox

Getting the word out about your event- 16/3/18

I've just come across [Whats On advisor website](#) - just enter details of your event- free. I put Folly Tower Open days on a number of these sort of sites- no idea which is best- but the support guy for this one is noticeably responsive.
Ed

Budgens- 16/3/18

An indoor market is a good idea- with affordable rent for small businesses it could work- as long as whoever owns the building gets enough income. Seems highly likely that Faringdon will never have the selection of individual shops it once had- society has changed too much- online shopping, we expect good prices and wide selection, working women, eating ready meals and takeaways. Another thought- when Carters extended the shop in the 1970s, they added the warehouse type building on the back. I guess this is not a valuable part of the building, but it does sit on what could possibly be a valuable site for redevelopment.
Local Yokel

Budgens etc- 15/3/18

A nice idea, to turn it into an indoor market. (though I did wonder whether the co-op would take it on, as they did in Bampton). I think we have to accept that Faringdon will not be a shopping hub - it seems to be going the same way as other small towns in that department. Stanford used to have lots of shops too, in the olden days. I do think we could do more to encourage visitors, though, especially in stressing the history of the town rather than any more barminess. It used to be a very busy coaching town - perhaps the hotels would help in bigging this up to encourage people to stay there. As so many shops are closing I would like to suggest that the Information Centre is moved back into a shop and made more welcoming. I have met visitors to the town who did not know there was an information centre!
And what about the Pump House, while we are about it - a historic building with nothing to say what it is, or what goes on there. Faringdon is unique architecturally, having some Cotswold-type buildings and some in the Vale style. One person stopped me to ask where the colourful houses were - he must have heard of them from somewhere.
Congratulations on the whole page article on the Folly in this week's Oxford Times. We ought to give more thought to publicising things like events. Perhaps we could think of more events other than pop music to draw visitors in. How about an event which would be unique to Faringdon - a moaning competition. We could have two types, both of which would consist of people competing to moan for one minute without repetition or hesitation, but one type would be for contestants who were happy to give their names, and one for people who could give false names as long as they dressed up and wore a mask.
Mary Beck

Faringdon - 15/3/18

I doubt very much that Faringdon will die. Over the years since it was awarded its charter it has changed and changed again. We no longer sell sheep in the market place. The town will just evolve.
Green Witch

Pop up Concert - 15/3/18

Wednesday 21st March The Catholic Church Marlborough St Faringdon SN7 7JE.
Doors open 7.15pm (drinks available)
Concert starts 8pm.

Performances by:

- Ferndale Choir
- The Half Penny Bridge Singers
- Peter and Liz Cowdrey (piano and violin)
- Louise Woodgate and Philp Blacker (sax), Geoff Smith (piano) Max Young and more....

Free entry. Donations for Ferndale Choir concerts

Budgens and afterwards - 15/3/18

I've been a regular at Budgens, even years before it was Budgens, and will miss having a town centre grocery shop. I've no idea who owns the building, or what they intend for the site, but I wonder if there's any mileage in turning it into an indoor market. I had in mind a food market, perhaps with local producers renting stalls along side specialist food sellers. Perhaps the farmers' market movement might be interested in exploring the idea. The town centre is getting sidelined. A covered market might help.
John King

Vale vision - 15/3/18

We have just had a flyer through the door headed 'Vale Vision' produced by the conservatives. Item 3 is headed 'supporting our market towns' and shows a photograph of Faringdon town centre. With Faringdon town centre closing down very fast, and with the growth of supermarket giants on the edge of town, I would be interested to know what support and help they have given to local small traders and businesses for them to be able to continue to trade. My view is, not very much, unless of course you need a haircut, then you are spoilt for choice. Name and address supplied.

Lechlade Road Closure - 15/3/18

Rather than "idiotic" as hysterically described by "Name and address supplied" 13/3, I would think the decision to resurface during the night is a sensible one. When Church Street was closed at night for resurfacing, the residents were full of praise for the quick, efficient and quiet way the work was carried out. As "Name supplied" points out in a later posting "How else is the work to be done?"

Yet another example of News and Views being used to hurl abuse and then hiding behind a nom-de-plum. I'm surprised our esteemed editor allows it.

Dennis Haynes

Health Centre finally gets extension funding- 15/3/18

At long last the Health Centre has been given the top-up money needed for the £1/4m expansion of the consulting and treatment space to cope with Faringdon's rapid growth. There will be considerable disruption while the contractors completely rebuild the main entrance, which means the left YELLOW and right BLUE side doors will become the temporary entrances through till August. See details below.

Dr Gavin Bartholomew, one of the Practice's senior partners, said "We are absolutely delighted that we can at last re-develop our building to meet the health needs of the area's rapidly growing population. Not only will we move the Reception desk into the main entrance but will have space for two more doctors and two more nurses. My fellow partners and all the 60+ people who work here are hugely grateful for all the pressure put on the NHS, particularly by our patients, the Patient Group and local politicians."

Main entrance closed

The main entrance to the Health Centre will be closed during the building work from now through to August. All patients and visitors will have to use either the Yellow entrance on the left, or the Blue one at the right side of the building. When you phone for an appointment you will be told which entrance to use. This is important because, for a while, there will be no internal access between the Blue and Yellow wings.

The front of the building will also be partly fenced off for the builders, so look out for the large Yellow or Blue signs directing you safely to the correct door. The Health Centre apologises for this disruption but hopes everyone will understand that such major alterations inevitably mean some inconvenience for a while. An info leaflet is available at Reception – Yellow door.

One other disruption will be the loss of parking space while the builders are on site. Caroline Beaney, the Practice Manager asks "If you're bringing someone in for an appointment and would normally wait in the car park till they're finished it would be a great help please if you can park up nearby – at a supermarket perhaps – till their pick-up time."

Empty shops - 14/3/18

It is a shame to see many empty shops in the town center and possibly more when Budgens and the bank shut. Now heard plans that a hotel is being built up near the 420 if that happens then I assume it will may take away custom from the accommodation offered in the town bars, so more possible threats of closure. It seems like someone is trying to shutdown business in the town center completely with no thought of encouraging community which has always been strong in this town. I suppose the only meeting places in the future will be the charity shops and Barbers and even then in some you will have to make an appointment. Sorry if this post sounds so negative but just the feeling I got this morning when walking around and I thought I would share.

Happy days

Simon Brookes

Re: Lechlade Road closure- 14/3/18

I agree this might be annoying, but when exactly do you suggest they do it instead?, doing it during the night is going to inconvenience far less people than closing it during the day or having temporary traffic lights for days on end.

I'd happily have Park Road shut every night for a fortnight if they would fill in some of the craters down there.

ACCESS: limited access will be maintained for emergency service vehicles and for frontages within the closed section of road, subject to the progress of the works

Name Supplied

Lechlade Road closure - 14/3/18

So the Lechlade road is to be closed for 4 nights. There are several issues relating to this closure, these include the fact that Canada Lane is the only road on and off the housing estate, therefore what access to the estate do residents have when leaving early or returning late from work. Also there sheltered housing and a care home on the estate. Ambulances are in attendance continually, day and night, what is going to happen to these.

I have telephoned the number displayed, and spoke to someone who admitted she knew nothing about it, but would get somebody to phone back who does know about it.

Needless to say nobody bothered to phone back.

I suggest that everybody on the estate phones this number and let their feelings known, although I doubt that the nobody at the council will have the courtesy to return your call.

This is an idiotic closure that will cause many problems, and the decision has been made by somebody who has no idea of the problems this will cause.

Name and address supplied.

Oxfordshire Bereavement support group - 14/3/18

Event: Every 2nd and 4th Monday of a month, Late Spring,

The Small Hall, Faringdon United Church, 10.30am-12pm, Free,

Age UK Oxfordshire Bereavement Support Group offering coffee and cake and the opportunity to meet with others who understand.

Contact Sian Whitlock 07827 235 448 or email latespring@ageukoxfordshire.org.uk

Temporary Road Closures in Faringdon coming up shortly.- 12/3/18

Market Place Bus Lane. The bus stop will be closed. Temporary stops are available for Swindon outside the Fire station and for Oxford opposite the Fire station:

<http://faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk/bus-lane-closed-17-3-18-8am-to-3pm/>

Lechlade Road will be closed for 3 nights from 26.3.2018 for resurfacing:

<http://faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk/lechlade-road-closure-starting-on-26-march-2018-for-4-nights/>

Ferndale Street will be closed for 3 days from 23.4.2018:

<http://faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk/ttro-t5408-road-closure-at-faringdon-ferndale-street-notice/>

Planning requested for a hotel and shops on the edge of Faringdon- 11/3/18

Erection of mixed-use three storey building comprising Class A1 retail store at ground floor level and Class C1 hotel at first and second floor, together

with car parking, access, servicing, landscaping and associated works

74 bedrooms, 142 parking spaces, 70 staff

Open for comments before

5/4/18, <http://www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/java/support/Main.jsp?MODULE=ApplicationDetails&REF=P18/V0442/FUL#exactline>

Decision in May 2018

Memories of the Folly - 10/3/18

Faringdon Dramatic Society are putting together a production to celebrate 800 years of Faringdon market charter.

Part of this production will be about The Folly.

We would like to hear your stories about events and memories connected with The Folly.

It would be lovely if these personal memories could be from old and young people, so please ask your parents, grandparents and children.

Please do not post here, but email webmaster@faringdondramatic.orguk

We will let you know if your story is used.

Thank you, and we look forward to reading about your memories.

ROTARY CLUB'S DRAGONS' DEN - 10/3/18

Are you a community group or individual based Faringdon or local villages looking for funding assistance for a project or event? Why not enter Faringdon & District Rotary's Dragons' Den? Criteria for judging applications will include: local need and support for the activity/facility, long-term sustainable benefit, how local people will benefit, how many people will benefit, helping socially excluded people to take part in community activities, value for money.

Full details and application form from: www.faringdonrotaryclub.org Or telephone Rtn Alan Hall: 07807 534701

The British Red Cross are appealing for help with store and house to house collections in Faringdon to support local services.-

10/3/18

Can you donate 2 hours to collect on 19th May to help raise money for Red Cross Week?

Money raised on will go towards Red Cross services in Oxfordshire, such as the support at home service, which helps people at home after a stay in hospital, emergency response, and the wheelchair loan service for people who have lost their mobility due to accidents or illness.

If you collect for just one or two hours, you could make a real difference to someone who needs the support of The Red Cross after finding themselves in crisis.

We have a collection planned in Faringdon on the 19 May, with other dates in May across Oxfordshire.

If you are able to help or would like more information please contact Samantha Snelus on 01908 578 323 or email ssnelus@redcross.org.uk

Recommend a block paving company? - 10/3/18

Hi. Can anyone please recommend a local block pave driveway company who they have used.

Regards Mark

markturbolunnon@gmail.com

Services and Bell ringers at All Saints Church - 10/3/18

The Bell ringers have been ringing bells on a Sunday evening service for 38 years . No service no Bell ringers, robed choir gone no organist
What will become of All Saints in the future.

It's about time the congregation was listened to.

Name supplied

Accounts apprentice wanted - 6/3/18

Does anyone know of a school/college leaver who would like a job as an accounts apprentice? I work for a global marketing agency in East Hendred and this position is open now. Would suit school/college leaver looking to start a financial/accounting career. We also have number of other vacancies for experienced marketing professionals. All/any replies to this site and we can share details from there. Thanks.

rphilpott@themarketingpractice.com

Faringdon's future - 6/3/18

I can't think of anything more ironic than celebrating the 800 th anniversary of the Royal Charter allowing Faringdon to establish a market , at the time of the news that the last food shop in the town is closing in 3 weeks...this will is the final act in the end of Faringdon as a market town.

Does anyone care ???

Name supplied

Praise to Faringdon shops- 6/3/18

So we have just had a bad weather spell but we must give credit and praise to the staff in shops that managed to stay open in the town center who did not cry Wolf! Well done to the friendly and cheerfull staff in all the shops and pubs that braved the weather to keep things running that's what makes community spirit and we should hold on to when Budgens does close and hopefully another similar shop will take its place.

G Williams

800th Anniversary of Faringdon Town Market Charter.- 5/3/18

Come down to the market place tomorrow to help us celebrate

9am - 1pm - lots of stalls, activities, organizations, bell ringing, singing, tea, coffee and pizza

Faringdon Folly Trust Progress meeting and AGM- 5/3/18

Thursday 8th March

Jubilee Room, Pump House, 7pm- 9pm

Come along and we'll tell you about progress in 2017 and our exciting plans for 2018.

Your ideas and suggestions will be very welcome

Contact genewebb@rocketmail.com for more information

Folly fund raising- 4/3/18

We've had over £1000 of donations now- thankyou everyone.

We realised a few weeks ago that the Gift Aid was not offered. It took Just Giving a while to sort it out- but now it has been. You'll know I'm sure that we get an additional 25% for donations that are Gift Aided, so it was very important.

Please do make a donation (and Gift Aid). This will help the volunteers to do the necessary work to preserve the Tower and continue to maintain and develop the lovely woodland.

If you don't like using Just Giving go to www.faringdonfolly.org.uk/donate.html to find other ways to send your contribution and more information about the work that is needed.

Thankyou very much

Gene Webb

Budgens- 3/3/18

The store will close 28th March and is being handed back to Tiensa and Co., It seems that this company is insolvent so the building will then be handed back to the bank.

Name Supplied

Budgens - 3/3/18

Sad to hear the demise of yet another shop in Faringdon, yes it is true by the end of the month the shop will close.

I am more sad for the staff that work there, they are always friendly and helpful and you can have a laugh and joke with them if you actually take the time to talk to them get to know them. I truly hope they all find jobs as quick as possible.

Hopefully the shop will be taken up by another retailer though somehow I doubt it as the domino effect of shop closures seems to be unstoppable, I fear many more shops in town will shut their doors for good well before summer gets here.

Jim Horton.

Regarding the post office- 3/3/18

Please be advised the post office had IT technical issues and was up and running 2 hours later perhaps instead of moaning on social websites and speak to the staff that work there who will try and assist you with any queries there is too much of this sort of moaning going on but if you were happier going elsewhere than that's fine

Name supplied

Budgens - 2/3/18

I've just heard that Budgens is to close. True? Anyone know any more?

Ed

Faringdon's Market Charter- 1/3/18

For information and pictures of the actual (800 year old) charter documents scroll down [Faringdon through history](#)

Ed

Community Litter Pick cancelled - 1/3/18

Due to the weather forecast we have decided to cancel the litter pick this Saturday. We will organise another date in the near future. Please keep an eye on our website and social media pages and sign up to our mailing list to get updates on events, cinema listings and FTC newsletter. To sign up click the link below

<http://faringdowntowncouncil.us16.list-manage.com/subscribe...>

The Faringdon Farcycles need your help! - 1/3/18

They wish to create a safe cycling area for children and adult improvers on unused land at the Folly Sports Park. This is a fantastic opportunity for children and adults to gain confidence in their cycling abilities whilst in a safe environment.

Please help by taking this short survey to share your views, it should only take one minute to complete. The more responses the better! <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/78XCXZ3>

For more info about the project please visit: <http://faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk/proposed-cycle-park-at-folly-park-by-farcycles/>

Thank you

Re: ATM machine in the Market Place- 1/3/18

Everyone should be aware that the Town Council and even the District Council have no control over commercial decisions, if businesses wish to cease trading in Faringdon there is nothing a local authority can do about it much as they would like to.

Name supplied

Faringdon Bowling Club- 1/3/18

Some people reading this article might be surprised to discover that Faringdon has a Bowling Club let alone that it has been in the town since 1911. Tucked away behind houses in Gravel Walk the club has been in its present picturesque location since 1964. Possibly the town's best kept secret.

Contrary to popular belief the sport of bowls is not an old man's game. It is, in fact, a sport for people of all ages and abilities. It is a very social game played in a friendly atmosphere and provides an ideal opportunity to meet new people. It is also a great way to keep fit whilst doing gentle exercise.

If you are interested in having a go we offer taster sessions every Friday evening during the outdoor season. This year these will start on **20th, April from 6pm.**

We provide free coaching and use of equipment. You just need to wear flat soled shoes.

As well as outdoor bowling we also offer Short Mat Bowls, indoors, during the winter months when the green is closed. There is also a ladies' keep fit class that meets every Thursday morning. Other social events include fortnightly Coffee Mornings on a Tuesday, monthly Sunday Lunches, Skittles Evenings, Race Nights and Quiz Nights as well as organised coach trips to places of interest.

Every Friday night is Club Night when you can enjoy a drink at the bar and catch up with other members. The bar opens at 7:30pm.

We also hire out the clubhouse for private functions providing catering as well as the bar facility at competitive prices.

As you can see we have a lot to offer. For more information please contact the Club Secretary, Trevor Durrant, on 01793 330564

or trevor.durrant1@ntlworld.com

Hope to see you soon!

Community Awards- Vote online - 28/2/18

<http://faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk/community-awards-2018/>

Vote Closes 20th April

Charter Market 6th March- 28/2/18

To celebrate 800 years since the Charter was first given

[See the poster](#) for details

Community Litter pick Saturday March 3rd - 28/2/17

2pm-5pm (or for as long as you like.

Meet at the Old Town Hall

All equipment provided, refreshments too

Rotary Youth Leadership Award- 28/2/18

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. There is no cost to candidates as they are met by Faringdon Rotary Club and sometimes by the candidate's employer.

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 21 – 28 July 2018. 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 Rotarian Stuart Spencer telephone: 07980 446110 email: scs1@live.co.uk

Faringdon & District Rotary Club can be found at: www.facebook.com/faringdon.rotary

Website: www.faringdonrotaryclub.org

Post Office - 28/2/18

Again post office in Faringdon closed. On a Friday afternoon(23/2) When is this post office going to get any better. It's a growing town. Thankfully I had transport to get to another post office. Where the staff are friendly. Spacious. And lovely staff. Faringdon does not have any of this.

Name supplied

ATM machine in the Market Place.- 28/2/18

At present there is a "hole in the wall" machine by the Lloyd's bank but when they close up where will the town's folk get cash out of hours? Budgens have a machine but that doesn't always work so where in the town centre will we be able to get cash? What are the Town Council doing about this?

No mainstream bank in town soon and quite a hike to the Tesco or the Esso to get money. Come on FTC, what is your take on this.

Colin Eddy

Memories of Faringdon- 28/2/18

Faringdon Dramatic Society are putting together a production to celebrate 800 years of Faringdon market charter.

A part of this will be about the Folly.

We would like to hear your stories about events and memories connected with the folly.

It would be lovely if these personal memories could be from old and young people so please ask your parents, grandparents and children.

Please do not post here but message me.

We will let you know if your story is used

Thank you

Debbie Lock

Back now - 28/2/18

Have been away- just updating the site

Ed

Do you know these people? - 19/2/18

Hello

I am trying to find anyone who knows any of my family from Faringdon.

My grandparents were Lena and Tom Bishop (from Oxford and was a plasterer) and they lived at 80 Marlborough Gardens.

Lena died 1968 and Tom in approx 1977.

They had 2 children Michael who ran a watchmakers business in the town and Sally (my mum) who married John Godfrey in 1963 and moved away to London. Sally used to work in the Spar shop nr Marlborough Gdns and John worked at Stepp Farm.

My great grandmother was called Sarah Jackson, (nee Newberry and also Sarah Stepp) Along with Lena she had another

daughter Florence (Florrie) and a son Peter.

I know Florrie has a daughter called Sandra who I believed moved to Swindon and Peter had children named Linda, Robert (Bobby) and Andrew. We have unfortunately lost contact with them all over the years and would love to reunite. My uncle Michael emigrated to Japan in 1979 and is coming back for a visit in March so if anyone remembers him I'd love to hear from you as we would like to take Michael and his wife to visit Faringdon for old times' sake. Any news or info on any family members would be much appreciated. Thank you

Julie

jools.ofarrell@gmail.com

Offer of help from Thames Water - 19/2/18

I am emailing you as your customer experience and stakeholder lead for Thames Water in your area.

We will be working in Faringdon in spring and we would really like to support any appropriate schemes you are doing in the area. The kind of thing I'm thinking of is where we can contribute with our time to something the community would value or is already involved in.

If you have any schemes like this you believe we could contribute to please let me know.

Thanks,

Jordan Harison Jones

jordan.harisonjones@thameswater.co.uk

Folly Tower Fund Raising- 18/12/18

Over £800 so far- thank you to all who have donated and the lovely comments.

Please help us keep this wonderful place as a great landmark for Faringdon and a wonderful place to visit.

You can donate via <https://www.justgiving.com/campaigns/charity/faringdonfolly-towertrust/follytower>

or if you prefer to donate by electronic transfer or cheque, go to <http://www.faringdonfolly.org.uk/donate.html> for the details.

There's information about what needs to be done and all the things Friends of the Folly do on the Folly website link above.

Some lovely comments from people who have donated to our campaign

- I just love the folly woodland. Good luck with the fund raising.
- I used to love to walk around the Folly when I was able to. I just hope it can continue for future generations to enjoy it like I did.
- You're doing great work up there! How many towns can boast such a facility, all supported by volunteers.
- Thank you for everything you do to look after the Folly and woodland, it's a very special place to so many of us.
- We just love the Folly. You are quite right - Faringdon is very lucky to have it
- I just love the folly woodland. Good luck with the fund raising.
- You're doing great work up there! How many towns can boast such a facility, all supported by volunteers.

Gene Webb

Good builder? - 18/2/18

I need a recommendation for a good local builder or window specialist. Many thanks.

annabelle.lilly@hotmail.co.uk

New 66 bus timetable - 17/2/18

Starts tomorrow.

Slight changes to week day times, additional buses early Sat and Sun mornings

https://tiscon-maps-stagecoachbus.s3.amazonaws.com/Timetables/West/66_Swindon_18_February_2018.pdf

Went to a Council meeting last week (for a while) - 17/2/18

Here are various bits that may be of interest

- **VWHDC have given permission 3G artificial pitch** - will be near the Leisure Centre.
A press release says ' A new £750,000 3G artificial turf pitch will be built near Faringdon Leisure Centre for football, hockey, non-contact rugby, circuit training and lacrosse after planning permission was given. Currently, residents in the Faringdon area have to travel more than 10 miles to get to their closest artificial pitch. In addition to the pitch itself, the proposal includes lighting so it can be used in the evenings plus 40 extra parking spaces. It is a joint project between our council and leisure centre contractors Better, and we expect work to start in the summer.'
- There is permission for a 60bed extra care home on the development South of Park Road
- **Police report-** 6 arrests- pony and trap racing on the A420 dual carriageway, and hare coursing. 2 violent crimes, 4 criminal damage. No figures for parking tickets issued.

County Council. Judith Heathcoat

- More than 7000 reports of potholes [via Fixmy street](#). (usually c2000 this time of year)
- CC has £1m highways funding from the government to fix potholes. The council will be using a [Dragon machine](#) which fills potholes mechanically.
(Go to [Fixmy street](#). to see what has been reported round here, and do report additional ones you know of)
- The County will be getting £££ from the government for infrastructure- related to the volume of additional houses being built in the area. (I guess if it's with the County it will be used for road improvements)

Ed

Funding for environment improvements in 2018/19 budget- 16/2/18

On Wednesday 14 February Vale of White Horse District Council agreed its 2018/19 budget, including £750,000 over the next three years for a new flagship team to improve the look of public areas across the Vale and deliver an attractive district that residents and businesses can be proud of.

More than £200,000 is being made available in grants to support community projects, such as improvements to village halls, community festivals and for charities which provide services for vulnerable people.

With the growing number of electrical vehicles on the road £20,000 will go towards a feasibility study into the possibility of providing charging points at district council locations, while £60,000 over the next two years will be used to explore the options for the existing Wantage Leisure Centre once the new leisure facility is open at Mably Way.

Thanks to careful financial management, council tax for the services provided by the Vale will be set at £126.69 for the year for a Band D property. This represents just a £5 increase on last year.

Cllr Robert Sharp, Cabinet Member for Finance at Vale of White Horse District Council, said: "In this year's budget we have allocated substantial funding for a new team to help us address the environment issues such as tackling fly-tipping, removing graffiti, grass cutting and street cleansing, as well to looking at how we can better cater for the increase in electric vehicles in the district.

"Our services represent excellent value for money and we will continue to put the needs of our residents first."

Cllr Matthew Barber, Leader of Vale of White Horse District Council, said: "Our new action team will work alongside town and parish councils to ensure that everyone can benefit from the beautiful environment we are blessed with in the Vale. We are proud of our district and we want to ensure that residents and visitors are proud of the places they live and visit as well."

Spectacles found - 16/2/18

A pair of black narrow rimmed spectacles found on the pavement near the bookies in Marlborough St. opposite Budgens on Thursday 15th Feb. at around 1pm.

They have been taken into the bookies.

KF

'Faringdon Hundred'- 16/2/18

Hello, got an unusual query for any of your members. Looking for some information about the Faringdon hundred before 1844, in particular the detached part (tithing) of this hundred, the parish of Great Barrington (Gloucestershire). I know the location of this detached part and have a rough idea of the area covered, but have not found a map or illustration showing it's boundaries. Can anyone assist ?

ptkobrien@live.com

Archery Free Taster Wednesday March 14th - 14/2/18

Faringdon Leisure Centre, 5pm-7pm

Lessons officially start 21/3/18. Over 8s

Book a place 01367 241755 or email faringdon@gll.org

Tuesday 6th March is the 800 years anniversary of the Faringdon Market Charter. - 12/2/18

There will be lots going on down town around the normal market and the Farmers market. We are looking for people to have one off stalls to add to the spirit of the event. Interested?

<http://www.faringdon.org/markets-in-faringdon.html>

Pat Fox

Folly Fund Raising- 10/2/18

Some lovely comments from people who have donated to our campaign

- Love walking up and around the folly whenever I'm back in Faringdon.
- We love the views and the grandchildren are learning a lot of history!
- The hill and the tower mark time and place as our family grow up. A pin in the map to call home and a light to guide us there on the darkest nights. Worth all our gratitude and support. Thank you.
- New residents in Faringdon, really impressed by the Folly as a civic amenity.

- A place for connecting with nature and community...how lucky are we?!
- Love the Folly, simple.

You can donate via <https://www.justgiving.com/campaigns/charity/faringdonfolly-towertrust/follytower> or if you prefer to donate by electronic transfer or cheque, go to <http://www.faringdonfolly.org.uk/donate.html> for the details. There's information about what needs to be done and all the things Friends of the Folly do on the Folly website link above.

Planning application for 125 houses off Highworth Road - 09/02/18

<http://www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/java/support/Main.jsp?MODULE=ApplicationDetails&REF=P18/V0259/O#exactline>

- Reduction in the number of units from 150 to 125 dwellings at 30dph net.
- A revised housing mix to reduce the number of 4+ bedroom dwellings.
- Reconfigured drainage set-back/ Coxwell Rd frontage to ensure the drainage strategy is deliverable.
- Provision of a large focal area of greenspace in the heart of the scheme.

Likely areas of S106 contribution are as follows:

- Education – school places
- Community facilities
- Highways infrastructure, including contributing towards the A420 junction upgrade.
- Health care provision.

Planning permission given for an artificial pitch at Faringdon Community College- 9/2/18

<http://www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/java/support/Main.jsp?MODULE=ApplicationDetails&REF=P17/V2659/FUL>

The press release says *The new pitch will be able to be used for football, hockey, non-contact rugby, circuit training and lacrosse. Currently, residents in the Faringdon area must travel more than 10 miles if they wish to use an artificial pitch. In addition to the pitch itself, the proposal includes lighting so it can be used in the evenings plus 40 extra parking spaces. It is a joint project between the district council and leisure centre contractors Better and will cost £750,000.*

£750k!! No idea where the money is coming from. Doesn't look as if it's from developer contributions.

Ed

UK Youth Network - 8/2/18

Do you know a young person aged 16-25 in the UK Youth network who is not afraid to speak their mind?

Do you know an inspiring young person who could be the next campaigner, Councillor or MP?

UK Youth Voice is the national steering group, made up of 28 young people from across the UK, which sits right at the heart of UK Youth. We strengthen links between youth organisations, build relationships with decision makers and inspire other young people to take action.

As well as having a national platform for your voice on all things relating to young people and youth work, you will have the incredible opportunity to travel all over the UK, meet new people, and develop a whole range of skills which will look great on your CV including; communication skills, teamwork, organising events and leadership. You will also get the opportunity to grow your network and lead on campaigns that could make a difference to thousands of young people across the UK.

We're currently looking for young people from within our member network to represent Northern Ireland, Wales, Scotland, North West, North East, Yorkshire & Humber, South West, South East, West Midlands, London, East Midlands and the East of England.

How do I apply?

If you know a young person that's already involved in one of our members that would be perfect for UK Youth Voice, then simply send them our [short application form](#). More information is in the attached document.

The deadline to apply is Friday 23rd February 2018. Any questions, please email voice@ukyouth.org

Junction Ferndale street to Bromsgrive - 8/2/18

Please Please can drivers look at sign coming down ferndale street onto Bromsgrive you are supposed to look at sign it says Stop

2 drivers speeding down the road didn't even look almost causing accident

Look please

Dee England

Money for Communities - 7/2/18

http://www.oxfordmail.co.uk/news/15921997.Every_area_will_get___15_000_for_community_project_or_road_repair___how_s_hould_it_be_spent_/?ref=mr&lp=16

A NEW fund to plough money into local schemes across Oxfordshire is set to come into effect.

Oxfordshire County Council has proposed a new fund which will give all of 63 county councillors £15,000 each to spend in their communities.

There is no information as to how a County Councillor will choose the projects. Hopefully they will ask their communities

A420- the most dangerous road in South East- 7/2/18

www.oxfordmail.co.uk/news/15921016.REVEALED___Oxfordshire_A_road_is___the_most_dangerous_in_the_south_east_/

Faringdon to be 'Deep cleaned' - 5/2/18

From VWHDC

*The Biffa deep clean team are due to be in Faringdon from **12-21 February** this year. We've already had a number of suggestions from the Town Clerk.*

The deep clean team will clear things above and beyond what is our legal duty (e.g. the removal of weeds) but they will only work in areas that are our duty to keep clean.

If there are areas you think need to be cleaned, do contact [Sally at Faringdon Town Council](#)

I assume 'their duty' does not include unadopted areas ie

Woodview, Sudbury Court, Combes Close, Access land from Swan Lane into Dove Court, Henry Blake Way, Stickleby Court, Pioneer Road, Old Sawmills Road, Coxwell Gardens, Haynes Close, Alfred Woods Close, Berry Close, Wearn Road, Tollington Court, Regent Mews, Gloucester Mews, Green Gates, Russell Walk, Liddiard's Row, Cadell's Row, Regal Way, College Lane, The Old Barn, Clocktower Court

Ed

Super picture of the Folly Star- 3/2/18

It's on the home page of <http://www.faringdonfolly.org.uk/>

Thankyou to Mark Loasby

Gene Webb

Please make a donation to the Folly Tower and help us repair the tower and pay for the damage in the woodland.-

1/2/18

Faringdon is so lucky to have the wonderful Folly Tower & Woodland. We now we need to raise money for important maintenance work on the Tower and to rectify extensive storm damage in the Woodland.

You can donate via <https://www.justgiving.com/campaigns/charity/faringdonfolly-towertrust/follytower>

or if you prefer to donate by electronic transfer or cheque, go to <http://www.faringdonfolly.org.uk/donate.html> for the details.

There's information about what needs to be done and all the things Friends of the Folly do on the Folly website link above.

Thankyou

New TV Programme looking for grandparents- 29/1/18

I work for a television company called [Shiver Productions](#) and we are making a new television programme for a major broadcaster. We are looking for vibrant, fun and outgoing grandparents who want to spend more time with their adult grandchildren (who must be 18 plus). I was wondering whether you might be able to share this information with your group in case there are any grandparents who might be interested in getting in touch with us.

In the programme, grandparents will spend one-on-one time with their multiple grandchildren in an attempt to learn about the pressures their grandchildren face, the lifestyle choices they make, their hopes for the future and what, if anything, is standing in their way of achieving them.

We are hoping to speak to people **by 2/2/18**. Please do feel free to contact me on 0207 157 4588 for more information.

<http://www.shiver.tv/>

Flowers in the Folly Woodland- 27/1/18

The bulbs are appearing- snowdrops and aconite are coming into flower. Loads of daffodil bulbs have appeared - they're only a couple of inches above the ground.

so please watch where you tread.

Gene Webb

Whats on - 27/1/18

Do send text and posters (needs to be a jpg) for any events you are organising

This site gets over 10000 hits each week, so there is a good chance your event will be noticed.

Ed

Town Council Public meeting. Notes - 23/1/18

Increase in Council Tax (Faringdon's only) will be £1.22pa. There was no mention of VWHDCs Council Tax increase.

Main expenditure is staff salaries and pensions. 13 staff. 8fte

Committee structure has changed

Change to delivering Youth services is being considered as takeup was low

Council budget includes £16650 as a contribution to the Childrens Centre service, run by Spurgeons. (Oxfordshire CC closed the service in the Baptist Church)

£20k is estimated as the cost of a disabled access to the Pump House garden. Grants are to be sought.

A resident proposed that there should be a 20mph speed limit in Faringdon. FTC support this. It needs to be discussed at Traffic Advisory meeting in March

FTC are having discussions with Nationwide for a pop up bank- to assess the need in Faringdon.

Ed

Recycling- what happens to it - 21/1/18

See the video of how Biffa deals with recycling. Quite impressive

<https://www.biffa.co.uk/about-us/operational-infrastructure/recycling/>

Name Supplied

RE: Waste - 21/1/18

Refuse tips - or Household Waste Recycling Centres as they're correctly titled - only charge for non-household or DIY waste items (defined by VWH District Council as: "materials created from the construction, demolition, alteration or repair of a home or garden. For example, sink, bath, kitchen unit, radiator, fence panel, bag of soil or rubble etc.").

So Grumpy Old Man is wrong to suggest that recycling rates may have dropped as a result of the charges. Any household waste can still be disposed of free of charge at Stanford in the Vale.

Folly Man

Ref.Gents Barbers - 21/1/18

Just strolling around the town yesterday in search of a haircut I thought I would go with the popular choice this time as spoilt for choice and being new to the area.

M&M 1 customer waiting and 1 being cut.

Turkish had 1 customer in chair shave

Barber shop 2 being cut and rain the chair

Choice was the Barber shop where I had very decent cut in fact well worth the price and decent conversation with the Barber.

I also read in reviews that they can handle young children so next time taking my 3 boys along.

Just a small town with varied choices of Barber shops I dunt envy the proprietors and the competition there must be.

G.C.

Re: Missing post - 21/1/18

I too have experienced post going missing only the other way. Post letters/cards in Faringdon only to find that they havent reached the destination, usually London. Now, when possible I post via Oxford or Gloucester.

Name supplied

Sport for people with as disability- 19/1/18

Hello Everyone, my name is Gareth and I'm the Disability Engagement Officer for the region and I'm looking to set up a session in the Faringdon Leisure Centre that people with a disability would like to try. Maybe a sport you may have tried once and would like to do more regularly or maybe a sport you like the idea of but have never given it a go before?

If you have any idea's or would maybe like to put me in touch with someone who would be interested in what I'm trying to achieve, then please email me – Gareth.davies@gll.org

Many thanks, Gareth

Missing post.- 19/1/18

Having had a number of recent online purchases go missing in the post. I was wondering if anyone else locally has had items go missing. These said items are not parcels, but are smaller items that will fit through a letterbox.

Regards Mark

re waste - 18/1/18

" we are now noticing waste levels rising and recycling rates have dropped"

Is the fact that the refuse tips are now charging, starting to take effect. I hear of people putting waste into their black bins rather than take it to the tip and pay. Also much packaging, especially the large amounts accumulated over Christmas is not marked as recyclable even though it looks like it should be.

regards

Grumpy Old man

Pump House Winter Newsletter - 18/1/18

See www.thepumphouseproject.co.uk/news-letter-archive

Community awards. Nominations deadline 9/2/18 - 16/1/18

[See poster](#)

Community Hero, Group, Business awards.

Deadline 9/2/18

Waste Strategy 2018 CONSULTATION ends Feb 18th- 16/1/18

Residents in Oxfordshire have been amongst the best at recycling and composting for a few years now, and our countywide recycling rate is around 60%, one of the best in the country. We can do better though; we are now noticing waste levels rising and recycling rates have dropped over the last few years despite residents being able to recycle more things at the kerbside. Reducing the amount that we throw away puts more money in our pockets – it is estimated that a family of 4 throws away around £60 of food each month. Around 60% of the materials placed in the bin could be recycled using our current systems, if this was all placed in the correct bin it would save the council around £1.7 million a year which could then be used to improve services.

All the councils in Oxfordshire are working together to seek your views on how we can help you to reduce the amount you throw away, and recycle more.

Talk rubbish with us and recycling too! video

Watch our short video and find out why we would like you to talk rubbish with us and about a few of our ideas that may help you to recycle more.

Video [Talk rubbish with us and recycling too!](#)

[Click here to respond to the consultation](#)

[More info on Oxf County website](#)

VWHDC Council

Deep Clean coming to Faringdon in February- 16/1/18

VWHDC will be here in February, sweeping, clearing weeds (not weedkill) scraping moss. They have asked FTC if there are any particular areas that need to be cleaned.

Contact Sally sally@faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk or Rebecca Jupp on waste.team@southandvale.gov.uk

Scroll down the News page on FTC website for more info <http://faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk/category/news/>

Recycling - 16/1/18

Many thanks Tony for the useful info on the recycling websites - it's nice not to be in doubt any more!

Mary Beck

Gents Hairdressers - 15/1/18

Well Trevor, we now have four barbers (at the time of writing) not nearly enough I think.

We could do with another couple of Coffee shops as well, there is a rumour that one of the main coffee shops in town are to have another brand of coffee shop in the corner of their shop.

With the demise of Lloyds bank a golden opportunity has opened up which would allow all the barbers and the coffee shops to occupy just one building making it more customer friendly. The charity shops could of course use the basement.

Perhaps when the Lloyds mobile bank bus turns up every second Tuesday in the month they could incorporate a mobile hairdressers in there as well...and of course with a complimentary coffee machine in the corner so the queuing masses could keep warm while standing outside in the inclement weather because we all know how Lloyds care and worry about their customers.....bet your glad you moved now eh Trevor!!!

A bald coffee hating Faringdon resident

Recycling and waste - 15/1/18

A while back someone commented on waste contamination - the links provided were useful, but even better (I think) are these two documents available on the VWHDC web-site. What surprised me was just how many types of plastic waste CAN be recycled in Oxfordshire!

<http://www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/services-and-advice/recycling-rubbish-and-waste/recycling/what-can-i-recycle>

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Tony Tarry

Gents hairdressers- 15/1/18

How many gents hairdresser's in faringdon now?

Trevor Wynn

Senior Citizens' Party Saturday 14th April - 14/1/18

The Faringdon & District Rotary Club annual Senior Citizens' Party will take place this year on Saturday 14th 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 Catherine Blaxhall on 01367 241500.

Mike Bell

Faringdon Library Rhyme Time Needs Your Help! - 14/1/18

If you can spare half an hour once a month to help with our popular rhyme times at Faringdon Library ...please let us know.

Sheena

Tel: 01367 240311

Stagecoach West will be introducing their revised route 66 timetable as from Sunday 18 February.- 12/1/18

Service 66 Swindon & Faringdon connecting to Oxford.

We've added new Saturday & Sunday early morning and evening journeys and retimed most buses to improve our punctuality.

We'll still run up to every 20 minutes on weekdays and Saturdays and every 30 minutes on Sundays.

Here is a link to the timetables:

https://tiscon-maps-stagecoachbus.s3.amazonaws.com/Timetables/West/66_Swindon_18_February_2018.pdf:

Marcus Laphorn

Please be careful in and around The Folly woodland- 5/1/18

Tree surgeons have visited the Folly and found there is considerably more damage to the trees than was first realised. The damage will be dealt with as soon as work can be scheduled. This work can't be done in windy conditions.

In the meantime, please take great care if you choose to walk in the woodland, though we advise that you shouldn't. There are a number of places where broken branches have not fallen and pose a hazard to anyone below. Notices have been put all round the woodland

Faringdon Folly

GO Active, Get Healthy with Diabetes- 3/1/17

For people with Diabetes - because getting active can help you manage your condition.

Meet monthly, the first week of each month:

Wednesday 8pm - Faringdon Leisure Centre

Saturday 9am - Faringdon Leisure Centre

Booking required or contact us to send a pack out if you cannot attend. If you are not Diabetic and wish to take part in this program, there will be a £10 registration fee.

To sign up, please complete our Diabetes Survey at www.getoxfordshireactive.org or call Ashley Chapman on 01235 422219

Coach Lane Cemetery parking. - 2/1/18

Appeal to those who use this car park as their own. Visited here on Christmas Day on my way back from work, and had a devil of a job to park up in the layby as it was so full! Couldn't have been people visiting as at that time I was the only one there paying my respects.

Come on people show some respect. The layby is for those visiting and not a council amenity for those who live nearby to park!

Who is supposed to police this? I dare say it's the same people responsible for the constant all day parking on London Street and Ferndale Street to name just two streets whose parking restrictions are constantly flouted.

So please people, Coach Lane Cemetery layby is NOT an all day/night free car park. Please show a little respect.

Name Supplied

Ferndale Choir New Term from 10/1/18- 2/1/18

FERNDALE CHOIR Term Starts 10 January

"It's cheaper than therapy, healthier than drinking and more fun than working out!"

SING to feel good

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Wednesdays 7.00-8.30pm Term Time Only £3.50 per session

Free first trial

No experience needed

JOIN US AT: The Catholic Church Marlborough Street Faringdon SN7 7JE

Doors open 6.45pm

Everyone Welcome

For more information please contact: louisejwoodgate@gmail.com / www.ferndalehcc.weebly.com

Monday 1st January 2018

'Thanks to everyone for a fabulous 2017, wishing you all every happiness and success in 2018'

From all the team at The Wheatsheaf.

We look forward to seeing you soon