

Housebuilder challenges children with design competition - 29/4/21

Children at a Faringdon nursery crafted their very own homes for a competition run by a local housebuilder. Bellway invited children at Annabelle's Nursery in Great Coxwell to design their ideal home, with prizes on offer for the most outstanding creations. A captivating collection of drawings and models were then submitted by the children. Emily Crabtree, Emily Ainsworth and Sage Verdier were declared the winners for their house designs. Each received a prize, with Bellway also donating £150 to the nursery.

Carissa Pellegrini, a staff member of Annabelle's Nursery, said: "The competition was a great opportunity for the children to show their creative skills and they thoroughly enjoyed designing their own homes. I'd like to thank Bellway for organising the competition and enabling the children to have this fulfilling and rewarding experience. "We are also grateful for the donation made to support the nursery – we plan to use the funds to purchase new learning materials for the children." Bellway is building a range of one to five-bedroom homes at Fern Hill Gardens, off Coxwell Road, less than a mile from Annabelle's Nursery on Great Coxwell Road.

Update on blister pack collection just for info! - 29/4/21

Blister packs are now being collected at KB/Southmoor, Hinton Waldrist, Wantage, Stanford, Faringdon, and Shrivenham/Watchfield!

At this rate we're going to need a van to get them to Morrisons in Swindon! May need to rethink once we see how much bulk this is going to create!!!

Absolutely great that people are getting on board with this
Coleen

Tuckers Nursery during WW2 - 27/4/21

I've been sent photos of the nursery when it was being used to provide food during the war.

Thanks to Bill Ashby. See [Photos and Maps page](#)

The Town Park Fitness Project starting from 1st of May. - 26/4/21

The programme offers different activities every week including Pilates, Yoga, Body workout , children boot camp etc. The classes will be suitable for all abilities and will take place on the lawn of the Town Park, near Faringdon Library in all weathers, so be prepared!

Car Park: Gloucester Street car park and Southampton Street car park are nearby offering first 2 hrs free.

Days/Times: Saturday mornings , different classes- 9.30 am-13:30 pm

Location: Town Park, Behind the Library, Regent Mews in Faringdon

Pay per Class: FREE

How to Book: ONLINE ONLY ON EVENTBRITE. [REGISTER HERE](#)

Volunteers wanted - British Heart Foundation - 22/4/21

Volunteer to get back out in the community, regain some confidence and be part of a friendly team! Wantage British Heart Foundation Furniture store is looking for volunteers for flexible shifts across the week to help with phone & administration/ shop floor sales/ or warehouse roles.

If you want to gain experience and confidence, meet new people and be part of a friendly team, come and join the Wantage store!

By volunteering a few hours a week, you'll help us save lives and do your bit for the planet.

Please contact the Manager, Dan, on 01235 605370 or email w80@bhf.org.uk for more information.

Plant Giveaway - 20/4/21

Map and list of locations on [Poster Board](#)

Faringdon Library Now Open - 17/4/21

Tue & Fri 10-1, 2-5

Faringdon Town Council - 18/4/21

No online meetings allowed after 21/6 (unless government changes rules) Hybrid meetings need legislation change (and technology)

- Town Meeting (Online) Join [Annual Town Meeting 5th May 2021 - Faringdon Town Council](#)
- 20/5/21 Annual Council Meeting in Corn Exchange- restricted numbers (38 only allowed in Corn Exchange)
- 11/6/21 FTC meeting Election of Mayor, Committee chairs

May 2021 elections- 18/4/21

Oxford County Council [Microsoft Word - OCC Statement of Persons Nominated Faringdon whitehorsedc.gov.uk](#)
Police Commissioner 2021 [Choose My Police and Crime Commissioner \(choosemypcc.org.uk\)](#)

Volunteer Inn Planning approved - 18/4/21

Application No : [P20/V3241/LB](#)

Alterations, extension to and change of use of ground floor of former public house from Class A4 use to Class C3 residential use (2 No apartments), alterations to first and second floor apartment to create 2 No apartments, construction of detached two-storey building to the rear comprising 2 no apartments with associated car-parking, cycle and refuse/recycling storage
Amended plans rec 16 March 2021 to show Alterations to ground floor plans to provide one commercial Class E unit and thereby a reduction in total number of residential units from 6 to 5.)

Community Bus Time table - 17/4/21

Community bus timetable is running on Tuesday and Fridays from 9.02am till 11.15am .

The early school service at 8.23 is still not in service

For more information please visit: <http://www.faringdoncommunitybus.co.uk/>

Pill Blister packs collected for recycling at Acacia Charity Shop- 17/4/21

Fiona Hammond at Acacia UK has kindly agreed to collect blister packs for recycling, in fact she had already started! Just call in and leave them with her. They will be collected from her either when she has no more room, or every 4-6 weeks for a mass recycle!

The blister packs can be for *any* tablets or capsules including those for animal use.

The only requirement is that they *do not* have any medication left in them.

Thanks all, and happy recycling!

See [The Medicine Packet Recycling Programme | TerraCycle® UK · TerraCycle](#)

Whats On events - 14/4/21

If you want to spread the word about your activities and events beyond Facebook. send me the details and if you have one, a poster (jpg)

Details of your event will be posted on the [Whats On Calendar](#) and the poster on the [Noticeboard](#).

Use the Contact us form top right of each page

As far as I know this is the only list of events in date order that is produced. The more complete it is, the better
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Covid vaccinations - 14/4/21

For up to date information about the local vaccination clinic see the News page on [The White Horse Practice](#) website

Love to Sing Course - June 2021- 11/4/21

Do you love to sing? Would you like to try something new this year?

Harmony InSpires, the all-female a Cappella chorus based in Marcham (near Abingdon, Oxfordshire) invites women of all ages and all levels of experience to join a FREE online 'Love to Sing' course over three evenings on 2nd, 9th and 16th June.

No need to read music as we provide teach tracks to help you learn as you sing along!

For more details email lovetosing@harmonyinspires.org

or visit www.harmonyinspires.org

More houses off Coxwell Road - 11/4/21

Cant believe that planning permission is sought after to build more houses on coxwell rd on steeds farm.

That field is home to birds nests every year. It is such a shame.

Carran Quirk

Ed: VWHDC refused permission. An appeal hearing will be heard from 27th April. If you want to listen/watch

Quote APP/V3120/W/20/3264500 and contact ALISON.DYSON@planninginspectorate.gov.uk

FAAAZE - Social Club for young people with Special Needs - 8/4/21

The Club is for anyone with a disability between the ages of 11 and 25 years with the aim of providing a safe social environment for young people to meet and encourage the development of their independence, social and life skills.

The Club meets every Wednesday during term time 4.00pm-5.30pm at the Faringdon Baptist Church.

For more information contact: secretary@faaaze.org or www.faaaze.org.

Top marks to Faringdon's vaccination team. - 8/4/21

Everything went as smooth as clockwork - and congratulations to whoever chose the background mood music!

Coincidentally, with the needle going in, the speakers played "Don't worry, be happy' While in the rest area after the job, I heard "I will survive". So far I have.

Surely a deliberate (and inspired) choice of music, but the prefect timing to my own jab must be a coincidence!!

Tony Tarry

NEW Crafty Crew Summer workshops - 8/4/21

www.thepumphouseproject.org.uk/event/the-crafty-crew/2021-04-21/

My name is Katie Pitts and I am going to be taking on the role of Crafty Crew Co-ordinator from 1st April.

For now I will see you all on Zoom but I very much look forward to meeting you all when we can get back into the venue and have some much needed tea and cake! Katie. X

New Summer workshops here at The Crafty Crew, there are quite a few this term.

10 Different Crafts for you to get involved in.

Please book all workshops by Friday April 16th. Booking is open by emailing

All workshops are on Zoom on Weds 10am – 12pm.

Once your place has been confirmed you can pick up a kit for the Zoom session from The Pump House Project.

Kits can be collected from TPHP every FRIDAY ONLY between 1-2pm, from 23rd April – 21st May.

It's £2 per kit, this is the minimum donation, so if you feel you would like to give more, please do as everything goes back into helping the Crafty crew.

Please put the Money in an envelope with your name and the name of the workshop/s on it.

Please open the kits in advance to check if you need to pre prepare anything and to check you have all the tools and materials you are required to provide.

Confidence Bike rides - 5/4/21

Sunday Morning

Starting Sunday April 11th 11.30-13.00

Meet Southampton St Car Park, Faringdon

How to Book: Google [Let's Ride - Confidence Ride](#)

Or email – cycle@farcycles.org or phone – 0790 040 3954

Need motivation or help to get back on your bike? Try joining our supervised rides.

Everyone worries they won't manage – but they all do.

We make sure you have the basic bike skills and build up your confidence before we take you on quiet country roads.

You learn to ride safely on your own and in a group. Best of all, it's great fun.

'I hadn't ridden a bike since I was 7, and after this course I am confidently riding my bike at Uni – thank you' Anna (19)

'my family bought me a new bike, and I felt very nervous about changing gears and getting back on the road. This course really helped me' Alison (65+)

'I hadn't ridden since I was 6, and was really wobbly, and had never ever cycled in traffic. I wanted to cycle to the local shops.... and now I do' Liz (30+)

A new community lottery is coming to the Vale of White Horse - 4/4/21

Description: Local charities and good causes in the Vale of White Horse will soon be able to get a funding boost from a brand-

new community lottery being launched by the district council this summer. The forthcoming new White Horse Community Lottery will allow players to choose which local charity their money benefits. Similar community lotteries elsewhere .

You can see details on our website by clicking the link below, or pasting the web address into your browser.

<https://www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/vale-of-white-horse-district-council/a-new-community-lottery-is-coming-to-the-vale-of-white-horse/>

Community & Partnerships meeting 31/3/21. Notes - 3/4/21

Chaired by Bethia Thomas

1 **Budgets**

- £2.6k left in events fund. To be used for Covid Recovery events
- £1272 unspent in Youth grants fund. To be used for future events.

2 **The Place**

Terms of reference changed. Fund raising has been separated from the Steering Group responsibilities.

3 **Community Engagement**

- Suggestion that bullet points covering key information from a Committee meeting is produced and made public (facebook, FTC website +++) to help inform local people.. Generally thought to be a good idea, but needs to be thought through.

- Two awards made by High Sheriff of Oxfordshire on 30/3. Faringdon Viral Kindness and Flowers from Molly. Pictures on facebook.

4 **Tree planting project**

Suggested by Churches together Earth & Faith Group. The aim is to encourage people to plant trees in their gardens. Trees and advice will be provided.

FTC support this project and will help with publicity.

5 **Food Bank a success.** Community Larder and fridge being investigated.

6 **Martin Gillett of Oxford Play Association** will be forming a Junior Youth club (10-13) , to meet once a week in Faringdon. Venue/dates/times to be arranged after discussion with young people. OCC will provide £7.5k. FTC agreed to fund the remaining £7.5k.

Suggestion to ask Faringdon United Charities for a contribution was not taken up.

7 **Community Wardens**

- Footpath wardens. Good response from volunteers. Induction/training being planned
- The Wilderness. Plan being written by ecologist. 14 people have expressed an interest in helping.

8 **Litter**

- Litter pick to be scheduled
- Hobble is a blackspot. Tesco to be asked to put a bin just near their exit onto the Hobble
- Recycle sculpture to be put on the Hobble (think this might be a bin, but I'm not sure)
- Dog Poo campaign discussed and supported.

9 **Town Park Fitness project.**

Sessions to be arranged on Saturday mornings. Adults and Children. From May

These notes are created from following the meeting online. Some subjects discussed were based on reports and information provided to Councillors. These are not available to residents either before or after the meeting.

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ENORMOUS Plant Giveaway 24th & 25th April - 1/4/21

Shrubs, trees, bedding, seedlings

This is organised by Churches Together Earth & Faith Group

If anyone would like to put some spare plants outside their gate that weekend, let Dave Headey know and your location will be advertised on a map of the "trail" nearer the time.

You can contact Dave on faringdonplants@btinternet.com.

Anyone can walk round and take anything they'd like. There's no cash involved, no charity being collected for (though of course feel free to make a donation to a charity of your choice if you find something you consider a "bargain"); it's just a way of making Faringdon a little bit greener.

Julia Burn