

**Lloyd's Mobile Bank** - 27/8/21

Faringdon United Church (on the roundabout) Coxwell Street SN7 7HA

WEDNESDAYS 12.15pm - 1.15pm

- 6 & 20 Sept
- 4 & 18 Oct
- 1, 15 & 29 Nov
- 13 & 27 Dec

Here are dates and times for [Highworth and Carterton](#). (The list is in alphabetical order)

**Park Road - Temporary Closure** - 26/8/21

Details on [Temporary Road Closure at - Faringdon, Park Road - Faringdon Town Council](#)

..... the temporary closure and will operate from 29/10/2021.

The anticipated completion date is 03/11/2021 (5 nights closure and each night from 20:00hrs to 06:0hrs).

I guess it's to finish the resurfacing work

Ed

**Dali and Faringdon** - 26/8/21

A super article about Lord Berners and Dali in [englandspuzzle.com](#)

Posted April 2019

**White Band Day in Faringdon 2005-** 26/8/21

I've just posted on the [Photos and Maps](#) page from White Band Day in 2005. Many people you'll recognise I'm sure as well as pics of the Folly

Thanks to Sjoerd for sending them to me and Al Cane for taking the photos on the day

Ed

**Music for Mayor's Summer Market** - 24/8/21

Your top three summer tunes As part of the Mayor's Summer Fun Market Day on Saturday 4 September in the Market Place I'm inviting anyone who wants to - to have a think about and choose their top three summer songs, from any era. On the day I'll be playing a selection and certainly a Top 10 from what is submitted. The day runs from 10 to 3pm and there'll be other entertainment too.

To submit your songs please send them as an email to me at [alcitizencane@gmail.com](mailto:alcitizencane@gmail.com) before the end of 3 September.

Thank you. Al Cane

**Application for funding for cyclists/pedestrians-** 19/8/21

Oxfordshire makes ambitious new bid for active travel funding Cyclists, pedestrians and residents in Oxfordshire could benefit from a new government grant of up to £21 million to invest in infrastructure and support local economic recovery over the coming years.

The county council has just submitted a bold funding bid for a third round of the government's Active Travel Grant to help the county's transport infrastructure recover from the pandemic and offer real quality of life benefits for active, healthy communities.

[Oxfordshire makes ambitious new bid for active travel funding](#)

**Re. 95 more houses in Faringdon - A correction to what had been said.** - 18/8/21

They promise things will be done before work starts then at the end they say they don't have the funds due to the social housing they had to put into the site so they could get the planning approved. It's a bit like listening to a MP in the House of Commons. Building Reconstruction Developer for the past thirty years.

Regards Tim Warm

*Ed: OCC collected c £1.7m for the junction from the Coxwell Road Estates. OCC then said this was insufficient ££ and needed c£470k more. It looks as if OCC have agreed that the developer of the 95 houses delivers the junction controls ( with the funds already acquired )rather than pay the £470k. I was told by OCC they had done an outline design, but need to do a more detailed design. No idea whether the developer does the design and build, or whether OCC do the design and the developer does the work on the ground. or When it might happen*

**Re: 95 more houses in Faringdon** - 17/6/21

The roundabout may have been on a developer's plans but it was not considered a viable option by OCC Highways, so was never planned by any council. The fancy outline plans shown to councils and the public are not necessarily agreed to by the relevant authorities.

Greenwich

### **Re. 95 more houses in Faringdon** - 16/8/21

A correction to what had been said. There was a planned roundabout on the Gt Coxwell/ A420 junction to allow safer access for vehicles on to and off the A420. I saw it on the plans that the developers showed me when they had their public consultation. We discussed the practicalities and necessity of it at some length.

A roundabout, albeit more expensive will allow traffic to flow much better than traffic lights. regards Mark

### **Folly Tower, Tolkien on Radio 4-** 14/8/21

[Broadcasting House - 15/08/2021 - BBC Sounds](https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/play/m000ysyk) <https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/play/m000ysyk>

Listen to Sjoerd speaking from 57 minutes in

### **9 more houses on Volunteer Way** - 14/8/21

<https://data.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/java/support/Main.jsp?MODULE=ApplicationDetails&REF=P21/V0056/RM>

### **Grants from Westmill Solar** - 14/8/21

Westmill Solar Co-operative is pleased to announce that our 2021 Community Grant Scheme is officially open and we are accepting applications!

Non-profit community organisations in Oxfordshire or within 25 miles of the Westmill site can apply for grants between £500 and £5,000. We accept applications directly from any eligible organisation, and we encourage our members to help to focus our community funding in the right places by referring their favourite projects or organisations to the scheme.

[westmillsolar.coop/2021/07/30/westmill-solar-launches-2021-community-grant-scheme/](https://www.westmillsolar.coop/2021/07/30/westmill-solar-launches-2021-community-grant-scheme/)

### **Re. 95 more houses in Faringdon** - 13/8/21

To address the second posting about this. Faringdon Town Council have opposed this plan from the first time it was suggested 15 years ago. The site is inappropriate for housing and we need to retain employment land. The new school is being built. The demise of the town centre is not the direct result of Tesco's. The town needed a supermarket with competitive prices so that residents shopped here rather than outside of Faringdon. Other towns of similar size are having exactly the same problems. The banks are closing their branches due to commercial pressure. The last ATM was removed as banks and building societies can't insure them when attached to empty premises.

I think you mean Coxwell St not Rd.

There were no plans for a roundabout at the Coxwell junction. It was mooted as a possibility but it would cost too much and wouldn't solve the problem. "Smart" traffic lights are planned instead and should be installed by the developers of the new Steeds Farm estate as part of their contribution to the local infrastructure.

All this information is available on the VWHDC's website, although it is a PITA trying to find it.

There is a Working Party for the regeneration of the town centre. You are welcome to join it. Please ask at the FTC offices in the Pump House. New ideas are always welcome and sought after.

Green witch

### **Air quality in Oxfordshire** - 13/8/21

Residents across the county are being asked to help shape a new air quality community website, which will help to raise awareness and understanding of air pollution across Oxfordshire.

In March 2021, Oxford City Council was awarded £162,500 to develop an air quality community website to help raise awareness of air pollution across Oxfordshire.

The website – which is being created in partnership between Oxford City, Cherwell, West Oxfordshire, South Oxfordshire, Vale of White Horse, and Oxfordshire County Council – aims to integrate all relevant air quality related information from all district councils in Oxfordshire under one single platform.

Now, residents across Oxfordshire are encouraged to take part in the consultation and share their views on what information they want to see on the future website.

[Help to shape the new Oxfordshire Air Quality website - Vale of White Horse District Council \(whitehorsedc.gov.uk\)](https://www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk)

### **Comment 95 Houses-** 13/8/21

When I read the posting by Name Supplied (95 more houses for Faringdon 12/8) I wondered. If Faringdon is such a dump (which it isn't), why is he or she living here? Dennis Haynes

### **95 More houses in Faringdon.** - 12/8/21

Just what we need, more new houses. What does it take to make the councils realise, that Faringdon is full. The health centre is full, the schools are full and the new school will not be ready for years, if, in fact, it ever gets built. The roads are disintegrating at a rapid rate, Park Road has continual road works with traffic lights, the pavements, not just in the town centre, but all over are a disgrace, and in many places, dangerous.

Thanks to Tesco there are no longer any proper shops in the centre, no bank, no cash machine, there is nowhere to work, in or around the town.

Canada Lane, Coxwell Road and London Street are no better than car parks. It's virtually impossible to get onto the A420 at the Coxwell junction.

So much for the new developments funding a roundabout. We have a one way system in the centre that you can

barely see around.

The town is a mess, and with all the new houses, and no regeneration for the town, things will only go from bad to worse.

Name supplied

### **Funding for cycling and walking** - 11/8/21

Oxfordshire makes ambitious new bid for active travel funding Cyclists, pedestrians and residents in Oxfordshire could benefit from a new government grant of up to £21 million to invest in infrastructure and support local economic recovery over the coming years. The county council has just submitted a bold funding bid for a third round of the government's Active Travel Grant to help the county's transport infrastructure recover from the pandemic and offer real quality of life benefits for active, healthy communities.

The council will be expected to develop plans for cycling and walking schemes a year, four years and ten years ahead. It will also include a plan for a GP prescribing pilot for individual exercise using the new, active travel areas as part of a health plan for residents.

The county council welcomes the opportunity to work with Oxfordshire's active travel interest groups in further developing the future pipeline of active travel schemes and those successful schemes leading up to public engagement and consultation on schemes that could be funded by the bid submitted on 9 August. The government will require local authorities to spend the funding by March 2023.

For more information about this release contact the Oxfordshire County Council and Cherwell District Council communications team on 01865 323870 or email [press.office@oxfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:press.office@oxfordshire.gov.uk)

### **95 More Houses in Faringdon** - 11/8/21

Have your say to stop more houses being built in Faringdon. We need more employment land Not houses...

New residents already travel to work to Swindon or Oxford or Wantage, Newbury, Witney Where they used to live.

The Faringdon medical centre is full the schools are full and the A420 is full. Think Climate Change...

[Letter from the Vale](#)

John Murphy

Ed

This is land that is earmarked for business/commerce but the application is for 95 houses. VWHDC are holding a meeting to discuss this 18 Aug, 6pm.. Report on ([Public Pack](#))[Agenda Document for Planning Committee, 18/08/2021 18:00](#) ([whitehorsedc.gov.uk](http://whitehorsedc.gov.uk))

Vale planners are recommending approval

### **Oxford Gives** - 11/8/21

We are delighted to announce that Oxford Gives will take place online on Wednesday, 20th October 2021 from 6pm to 7.30pm, and is now open for applications! Oxford Gives is a live crowdfunding event which takes place annually in support of Oxfordshire charities.

Since 2007, it has raised over £300,000 at 13 events for 51 charities. This year the event, hosted by The Funding Network ( <https://e-oxfordshirecommunityfoundation.org/1OSY-7H379-LUB5YT-4IV3SM-0/c.aspx> ), is being held in partnership with Oxfordshire Community Foundation. ( <https://e-oxfordshirecommunityfoundation.org/1OSY-7H379-LUB5YT-4IV3SN-0/c.aspx> )

At the event, three local not-for-profits will each have five minutes to make their pitch and five minutes to answer questions from the audience. Once that's done, the audience has the opportunity to pledge donations to the three charities with the aim of raising £5,000 for each.

Apply to pitch at Oxford Gives 2021 >> ( <https://e-oxfordshirecommunityfoundation.org/1OSY-7H379-LUB5YT-4IV3SO-0/c.aspx> ) Details of eligibility, the role of the sponsor, and guidance on how to apply can be found on the application form. Note that you need to have an agreed sponsor before submitting your application - an individual willing to tell the audience why they support your charity, and kick off the pledging with £250. This can be a trustee, existing donor or other friend of your organisation.

The deadline for applications is 10am on Monday 13th September. If you have any questions, please get in touch directly with Jennie at The Funding Network here ( [jennie@thefundingnetwork.org.uk](mailto:jennie@thefundingnetwork.org.uk) ).

### **Train video** - 11/8/21

What a delightful video! Instructive for people like me who didn't know Faringdon in the fifties, and nostalgic for everyone else!

A rich seam for people like me who enjoy model railways!

Mary Beck

### **Faringdon Station - Charming video-** 9/8/21

[Faringdon - YouTube](#)

### **Oxfordshire County Council - Have your say-** 9/8/21

We've just launched a new site where you'll now be able to find all our surveys and consultations going forward.

Why not register so you can be kept bang up to date. [Learn more](#)

### **Tesco Community Grants** - 5/8/21

[Apply for a Tesco grant to help tackle food insecurity...](#)

### **Coxwell Road Housing** - 5/8/21

Are there any plans for tree planting alongside Coxwell Road housing developments? (P18/V0259/O) A row of London Plane trees would not only screen the developments from the road (and vice versa) but also act to absorb CO2.

Sheila Donavan

Ed: This may help [Aboricultural assessment](#)

### **White Hart roundabout closure.** - 5/8/21

FYI. Many people who commute to Swindon may not be aware that the White Hart roundabout (Stratton) where the A420 meets the A419 (near Stratton, dunelm Mill, pets at home etc. ) is closing on August 16th for at least three months, due to subsidence.

It will make journeys to and from Swindon, Greenbridge, M4 etc. rather tricky. Highworth I expect will bear the brunt of traffic trying to circumnavigate the closure. Regards Mark

### **Garden Waste collection suspended** - 2/8/21

We have taken the difficult decision to suspend our garden waste collections.

As you may already be aware, waste collection services right across the country have been suffering from disruption over the past few weeks. This has been the case in South Oxfordshire too.

The national and local disruption is due to the ongoing issues of a shortage of HGV drivers, as a result of the pandemic and Brexit, who are needed to drive our waste collection vehicles. We also have a number of waste collection staff who are required to self-isolate by the government's Track and Trace system.

The situation does not look likely to improve in the next few weeks and so with a heavy heart we have decided to suspend the garden waste service for a month to allow the crews to prioritise food waste, recycling and general waste collections. This approach is in line with [government guidelines on the prioritisation of waste collections](#).

We hope to be able to reinstate the service after a month and we will review the situation towards the end of August before providing an update.

We are confident that we can honour our commitment to provide a minimum of 20 collections a year for this paid for service. In normal years, we provide more collections than this partly thanks to our extra-large garden waste collections in the Spring and Autumn. We don't envisage this year being any different, so nobody should be out of pocket.

We will let you know as soon as we are in a position to restart the service. We will keep you updated via these garden waste pages on our website and our social media sites.

If you would like to dispose of your garden waste you can take it to one of Oxfordshire County Council's Household Waste Recycling Centres if you're able – you can check the county council's [website](#) for opening times. Or if you'd rather, you can wait until the garden waste service resumes and we'll take it then.

Please note that we are not taking on any new garden waste customers at this time and we will review this again when the situation with the service changes. We will continue to deliver bins to households who have already signed so that you are able to start using the service once it is restarted.

We are extremely sorry for the inconvenience and we are working hard with Biffa to try and resolve these issues and reinstate the service as soon as is possible.

VWHDC

### **Faringdon Community Larder- save food waste**- 30/9/21

Held in the Corn Exchange Tuesday 2:30pm to 4:30pm

Faringdon Community Larder is an initiative that gives its members the opportunity to take a variety of surplus food items home for just £3.50 a week or £7 for a family membership. It is a membership programme that provides surplus food from wholesalers and supermarkets with the aim of reducing food waste.

The community larder will hopefully create a community hub for residents to meet, collect food and have a coffee.

In partnership with SOFEA we will be launching Faringdon's Community Larder on Tuesday 5th October, every Tuesday in the Corn Exchange from 2:30pm to 4:30pm.

"Stay and Play" sessions will be run by The Place as well as café with refreshments.

<https://www.sofea.uk.com/purpose-projects/community-larder/>

Sofea uses the membership income, and income from other sources to help young people. See

[www.sofea.uk.com/blog/](http://www.sofea.uk.com/blog/)

### **Faringdon Library**

Every Tuesday, Story and Craft time 2.00-2.30

Starting on Tuesday 12th October, this week our story is about a shy puffer fish!

[Bremner and the Party](#)

### **Many Tears Animal Rescue** - 27/9/21

As many of you will know I raise donations for Many Tears Animal Rescue. I have recently received several bottles of whiskey as a donation from a family that have a Many Tears Rescue dog - I would be keen to sell these to raise money to buy dog food

If you are interested please email [AlisonRose3764@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:AlisonRose3764@yahoo.co.uk) Lots of different brands and sizes.

### **Community Larder** - 24/9/21

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Come along on Tuesday 28th to see how the larder will run. Corn Exchange 2.30 - 4.30 [Poster](#)  
[Adele@faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:Adele@faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk)

### **Thai Massage** - 23/9/21

Hello my name is hannah and I am a Thai massage therapist based in Faringdon. I will be based at the Lotus Retreat ( 2 London St) however I will also be offering a mobile service outside these times, where I can travel to your home. Thai massage has a range of techniques such as relaxing/deep oil massage, pressure points and stretches to help that range of movement.

Take a look on my website for more info [www.hannahelsie.co.uk](http://www.hannahelsie.co.uk)

### **Garden Waste Collection from 27/9 in Faringdon** - 21/9/21

[This page](#) shows the temporary garden waste timetable that is in place from 27 September 2021.

We will temporarily be collecting your garden waste **every four weeks** rather than every two weeks.

You will be able to leave **twice as much garden waste** out as usual.

The extra garden waste can be put out in cardboard boxes, old compost bags or bin bags (not the large trade waste bags please).

For more information on why we are doing this, please visit [the garden waste page](#).

Do check your street is on the list

### **Circle Dancing**

3rd Tuesday of the month

Blessed Hugh Faringdon Catholic Church

from 21st September 2021 10.30 a.m. to 12 noon Price: £7 a session

Contact [joancoo@outlook.com](mailto:joancoo@outlook.com)

### **Ukulele for beginners** - 18/9/21

Weekly from: Monday 4 October 2021 Time: 7pm-8pm

Hinton Waldrist Village Hall

The options for your investment in 7 lessons are:

- £60 - includes ukulele, tuition and songbook
- £50 - if you have your own ukulele

If you are interested, please let us know via email. Congratulations for taking that step towards learning a new skill and having some fun. We look forward to meeting you.

[bonnrice18@gmail.com](mailto:bonnrice18@gmail.com)

### **Lack of joined up thinking.**- 18/8/21

A section of our road which was potholed and worn out was resurfaced a few months ago, and a great job was carried out by the Council contractors undertaking the work. Today it is being dug up by Thames water to connect new houses that have been under construction since last year to the water main.

I am staggered at the lack of co-ordination and joined up thinking between the Utility Companies and the County Council. No wonder our Councils don't have enough money for the upkeep of the roads, if they get dug up shortly after thousands of pounds of tax payers money have been spent fixing them.

Regards from grumpy old man.

### **Try Out Pickleball-** 9/9/21

Pump House Wednesdays 2-3pm

To register interest contact: Ashley Chapman 0771 771 4477

[ashley.chapman@southandvale.gov.uk](mailto:ashley.chapman@southandvale.gov.uk)

[See poster](#)

### **Faringdon Community Larder Helping the community access surplus food.** - 9/8/21

Faringdon Town Council would like to start a Community Larder in the heart of the Town.

We are looking for volunteers to help with this community-driven project. Can you spare between 1 and 4 hours a week?

Email [adele@faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:adele@faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk) for more information.

### **Garden Waste service - 9/8/21**

The Vale of White Horse District Council will be holding an extraordinary full council meeting to discuss the issue of the garden waste service, which is currently temporarily suspended.

The meeting will take place on Tuesday 21 September at 7pm at the council offices at 135 Eastern Avenue, Milton Park.

Anyone wishing to speak at the meeting will need to register by 5pm on Monday 20 September. Details of how to do this will be available on the agenda which will be published on our website on Monday 13 September [here](#).

Members of the public are encouraged to attend the meeting remotely via Microsoft Teams.

The meeting has been called following the temporary disruption of service to garden waste customers in the district.  
VWHDC

### **Community Champions Course from Monday 4th October - 8/9/21**

Free online six weeks course

Learn more about conflict resolution, mentoring, skills, teambuilding and problem solving. Run by Oxfordshire Adult Learning (Abingdon and Witney College) and Faringdon Town Council

Please contact [adele@faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:adele@faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk) to book or for more information.

### **Stuff Found - 8/9/21**

Good morning, a box of stuff has been found outside the Faringdon business centre.

It looks like it was stolen and dumped. Does this belong to you? If so please contact me.

[Julie@mypavirtualservices.com](mailto:Julie@mypavirtualservices.com)

### **Every little helps. - 7/9/21**

Great Barn Festival in the Great Coxwell Barn on the 18th and 19th of September aims to bring family theatre and music to the town that might normally involve a trip to one of our larger neighbours.

We have some of Oxford's favourite and highly regarded theatre companies and musicians as well as welcoming those on national tours. It even looks like this year the weather might hold for us and one final brilliant weekend of summer.

We would also like to give something back and as they say every little helps. If you would like to book tickets for any of the shows or a general grounds pass for the Festival and you email us directly

at [boxoffice@greatbarnfestival.co.uk](mailto:boxoffice@greatbarnfestival.co.uk) we will donate £1 from every ticket sold to one of the local charities we are supporting this year. You can even select which you prefer from Rotakids, Root and Branch, Farcycles, or COGS at The Pump House Project.

Many of our bands and performers will also be supporting charities so there is lots to feel good about.

We hope to see you there. [www.greatbarnfestival.com](http://www.greatbarnfestival.com) \*tickets booked through Eventbrite will not have the option to donate.

Please visit the boxoffice email to make your donation from your ticket purchase.

### **Oxfordshire County Council Bus Improvement consultation - 6/9/21**

The survey can be found here: <https://letstalk.oxfordshire.gov.uk/oxfordshire-bus-improvement-plan-2021> -

The closing date for responses for both the Town / Parish and the General Public engagement is at the end of **Monday 13th September**.

### **Saturday morning music centres - 3/9/21**

Children aged six to 13 will soon be able to join in musical groups in a series of new sessions at venues across the county on Saturday mornings.

The music groups are aimed at children who have been playing an instrument for at least a term and up to grade 5 and who are looking to develop their skills and performance with other players of similar ages. They will offer a fun, safe supportive atmosphere where children can make new friends and improve their playing by performing with others.

See [Saturday music sessions for children set to launch across Oxfordshire](#)

Not in Faringdon!!

### **Council on street parking enforcement starts 1/11/21 - 2/9/21**

Read all about it on <https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/residents/roads-and-transport/parking/new-parking-enforcement-areas#paragraph-10358>

### **Mayor's Summer Fun Market Saturday 4th - 2/9/21**

Faringdon Market Place

Join us for lots of summer Fun

From 10 am til afternoon

Please contact [Liz@faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:Liz@faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk) to book a stall

### **Faringdon Library - 2/9/21**

Normal opening times next week

<http://www.faringdon.org/faringdon-library.html>