

Healthy Walks in Faringdon - 28/6/21

Every Wednesday,
Meet under the Old Town Hall ready to leave at 10.30
We walk for about an hour. Two groups: 1 slower, 1 faster.
Coffee afterwards
Good exercise, good company.
No pre-booking is required - just come along.

Choreographer wanted - 28/6/21

Faringdon Artistic skaters looking for Choreographer to work on performing Saturday mornings
Contact: Dee England davina17@sky.com

Welcome Wall Park Road - 21/6/21

The original was removed as part of the Oriel Gardens development. It has been replaced- looks pretty similar . [See picture](#)

New grants: COVID recovery for children and families. Closes 1/7/21- 19/6/21

New round of grants has opened to help children and families recover from the impact of COVID-19. Grants between £1,500 and £15,000 will be awarded from our Community Resilience Fund, set up at the start of the pandemic. The pandemic has affected children and families in three primary ways – mental health, income and education. As we come out of lockdown, many children and families are still afflicted in these areas.

Find out more and apply now. We will fund ongoing core costs, project or programme work, and ongoing running costs that will help children and families recover from these adverse consequences. More information about these and preferred beneficiaries is available on the grants application page.

Early applications are encouraged, as this grants round closes on Thursday 1st July.

Please do contact us (ocf@oxfordshire.org) if you have any questions.

If you have not already, you can also register for our next webinar, about the impact of lockdown on our youngest children, taking place on Wed 30th June at 2pm.

Find out more and register here (<https://e-oxfordshirecommunityfoundation.org/1OSY-7ESF2-LUB5YT-4H6A9S-0/c.aspx>).

You can also find information about other sources of funding (<https://e-oxfordshirecommunityfoundation.org/1OSY-7ESF2-LUB5YT-4H6A9T-0/c.aspx>) currently available on our main grants page. This includes a link to apply to Oxfordshire County Council to be a provider to the Holiday Activity and Food programme.

Coach Lane Cemetery - 17/6/21

We have just been up to Coach Lane cemetery to attend a grave and clean it up and place some fresh flowers. We are disgusted with the state of the cemetery. The grass is over grown and difficult to easily locate the grave. A few people have mowed the grass around their loved ones but the general appearance was disgusting. Who is responsible for the upkeep of the cemetery? They have enforced 'silly rules' but can't maintain it to a reasonable standard.
Roger Watts

VWHDC Lottery Information - 17/5/21

Read how it works and watch the launch presentation

[White Horse Community Lottery - Vale of White Horse District Council \(whitehorsedc.gov.uk\)](http://whitehorsedc.gov.uk)

Longcot Village Green concerts 25/7/21 - 14/6/21

.....on the village green at 2.30pm and 5pm. Admission free.

Bring your own rugs, chairs and refreshments and come and enjoy some socially distanced live music for clarinet sextet in the Clarinet Collective's second pair of concerts on the green! In the programme for this year are classics by Mozart, Beethoven and Gounod, also popular favourites including Runaway Rocking Horse and the Dambusters March.

Each performance will last approximately 50 minutes and will be played without an interval. ADMISSION FREE with a collection in aid of the renovation of the St. Mary's bell tower roof, which is in urgent need of repair. In line with current government requirements places are limited and must be booked in advance.

Please email victorialmedcalf@gmail.com to make your reservation. Email contact details will be required on booking.

Faringdon Virtual Gardens Open - 14/6/21

First launched last year, Faringdon Virtual Open Gardens returns for 2021, giving Faringdon residents the chance to share images of their green spaces.

Spread the joy of gardening, send in photos of your garden so we can compile them to make a virtual tour of Faringdon's gardens.

Small or large garden, a single bloom, window box or allotment, we would love to see what you are growing!

Get the whole family involved, it would be great to see photos from Faringdon's Junior Gardeners, it could be cress grown in a tub, a growing sunflower, a picture made from flowers and leaves or even a mud pie!

Send your photos to adele@faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk by the 31st of July 2021

[Faringdon Virtual Open Gardens 2021 - Faringdon Town Council](#)

Faringdon Community Bus Schedule - 3/6/21

See www.faringdoncommunitybus.co.uk/timetable61.htm

Walking and cycling guides- 3/6/21

I've just seen the walking and cycling guides in the Budgens car park. Very nice!

Mary Beck

Queens award for Voluntary Services - 2/6/21

We are extremely humbled and proud to announce that the Farcycles team has been awarded the Queen's Award for Voluntary Services 2021!!

This award also includes a special designation for 2021 for organisations who have provided impactful support to the community in response to the pandemic last year.

South Oxfordshire MP, David Johnston said "I visited Farcycles last year and was very impressed with their innovative model. I am absolutely delighted that they have received a Queen's Award for Voluntary Services. The Queen's Awards are very prestigious awards and this is welcome recognition for a local community asset that people in Faringdon very much value and something we need more of across Oxfordshire and beyond."

We wish to give special thanks to all our Farcycles friends and to everyone involved with supporting Farcycles since its inception. We have undertaken some great projects over the last few years and have help developed a strong community of cyclists of all ages within, and around the Faringdon area.

Thank you, everyone!

[Queen's Award for Voluntary Service \(dcms.gov.uk\)](http://dcms.gov.uk)

Covid Tests- 30/7/21

FREE rapid COVID-19 tests available at the library, Gloucester St.

[Library opening times](#)

Re Steeds South - 30/7/21

IT'S so sad that they plan to build more houses south of steeds farm. I think there is enough new houses in faringdon. We don't give any thought to the wildlife.

Name supplied

Faringdon pavements - 30/7/21

When if ever are the pavements in this town going to be resurfaced. They are in a very dangerous state and have been for a number of years. Will our councillors take note and bring pressure to bear on the responsible authority for maintaining them in a safe state to walk on. I live in hope!!

Name Supplied.

Ed: The Market Sq pavements are being done in the Autumn I believe

Re- steeds farm 125 more houses - 30/7/21

More houses!- its getting beyond a joke. I guarantee that the people making these decisions don't have children attending our already ridiculously overcrowded schools.

More houses, little contributed back and promised infrastructure improvements like the A420 Gt Coxwell junction still not delivered.

enough is enough.

Mark

Ed: Copy of [Facebook post from VWHDC councillor with details of infrastructure contributions](#)

Police have your say Tue 3rd Aug 10am - 29/7/21

Faringdon Neighbourhood police team will be having a "Have Your Say" on Tuesday 3rd August at 10 am at Faringdon market place.

"A chance for the community to have your say and the opportunity to discuss any issues within the local community." Why not go along and meet the team!

Park Road resurfacing- 29/7/21

Extract from notification letter

I am writing to inform you that Oxfordshire County Council will be undertaking carriageway maintenance work on Park Road between the A420 roundabout and Marlborough Street.

The works are programmed to start on Monday 2nd August 2021 and are expected to last for up to 3 weeks, subject to any bad weather conditions or unforeseen circumstances arising during construction. The works will include replacing damaged road signs, traffic bollards and ironwork, resurfacing of the existing carriageway and the replacement of road markings.

Traffic Management

To enable these activities to be carried out safely the work will be done in the following phases:

- Phase 1: Monday 2nd August to Wednesday 4th August, 20:00 to 06:00hrs – temporary traffic signals to enable preparation work to be carried out, including replacing damaged road signs, traffic bollards and ironwork.
- Phase 2: Monday 9th August to Friday 20th August, 20:00 to 06:00hrs – full road closure to enable the resurfacing work to be carried out and replacement of road markings.

A signed diversion route will be put in place during this period. Park Road will be reopened to traffic when safe to do so outside of these periods.

Dog fouling letter from VWHDC- 29/7/21

Although there are many benefits that come with owning a dog (especially during lockdown), there are also responsibilities which include cleaning up after your dog. Please be aware that it is an offence to not clean up after your dog or leave used dog waste bags anywhere other than an appropriate bin.

Under the Dog Fouling of Land Act 1996, allowing your dog to foul can result in an on-the-spot fixed penalty notice of £50 and incorrect disposal of dog waste bags e.g. not putting them in the bin can result in an £80 fixed penalty notice. If fines are not paid, cases can be escalated to court resulting in fines of up to £1,000.

There are some council owned litter bins within your parish. These can be used for both litter and dog waste bags – you do not need to find a specialist dog waste bin. You can also put dog waste bags in your black general waste wheelie bin so if you cannot find a bin or bins are full, please take it home.

We know that most residents take a lot of pride in their local area and we encourage everybody to take extra steps in keeping your parish clean and tidy. If you have any questions please feel free to contact the waste team at waste.team@southandvale.gov.uk

Swindon Bus Service Changes - 28/7/21

We're making a few service changes from Monday 9th August.

Service **S6** is unfortunately on diversion for the next few weeks due to roadworks at White Hart Roundabout in Swindon. From Oxford and Faringdon into Swindon, we'll run via the A419 and Queens Drive, not Greenbridge. Leaving Swindon our buses will run as far as Oxford Road/Ermin Street as normal, before a diversion through Stratton to the Highworth/Honda junction of the A419. All buses will call at Stratton Park as normal, but please expect journey times up to 10 minutes longer than usual for the duration of the closure.

[Revised timetable](#)

South of Steeds 125 more houses. Appeal allowed- 27/7/21

The inspector has given permission, but now the application includes 35% social housing and some leisure money (no figures) No s106 money for Rugby and football. Highways improvements mentioned, but not Gt Coxwell junction specifically.

Reference: [APP/V3120/W/20/3264500 \(planninginspectorate.gov.uk\)](#)

Craft Workshops at the Pump House - 27/7/21

..... from talented tutors. Learn new techniques and have something decorative to show for it.

Bookings should be made before 8th September by emailing

crafty.crew@thepumphouseproject.org.uk

It's £5 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.

Rugby Club- planning application for flood lights- 27/7/21

[Planning Application P21/V1686/FUL \(whitehorsedc.gov.uk\)](#)

Consultation ends 17 Aug 21

Virtual Open Gardens Faringdon - 24/7/21

.....extended until the 10th of September, please send photos to adele@faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk

Love Parks week- Faringdon - 16/7/21

Keep Britain Tidy plan to run the love parks weeks programme this year!

Our parks and open spaces have been extremely important during Covid and it would be great to be able to celebrate them!

The dates for the Love Parks weeks are Fri 23rd July until Sun 1st August.

We want to particularly promote areas like Tuckers Park, and the children play area as it is often the target of vandalism.

Help us to cut litter, end waste and improve places. Your support can change our green spaces for the better. More info coming soon on the campaign in Faringdon!

[FTC](#)

Community Bus Trips - 15/7/21

Thursday 12th August depart Faringdon 13.15 to Cirencester £6 children £3

Saturday 21st August seaside special to Weston Super Mare depart Faringdon 9.30 £16 adults children £8

Please book from next Monday at the Tourist Centre.

Faringdon Business Centre Ltd - 14/7/21

.....is pleased to announce that the perch will be open for business on 19 July 2021. If you run a business and have been working from home and would like a change then try the Faringdon Business Centre.

We also have meeting rooms and offices available.

Julie@myPAvirtualseervices.com

Chamber of Commerce- interested? - 14/7/21

If the Chamber of Commerce was re-instigated, would you join? Please contact me with your responses.

Julie Farmer

Julie@myPAvirtualseervices.com

Free Mini Tennis - 12/7/21

[See poster](#) for contact information

Over 50s

11.15- 12 noon Tuesdays

Tesco Community Grants - 12/7/21

Tesco Bags of Help has changed to **Tesco Community Grants**.

Please visit the new tescocommunitygrants.org.uk website to find out more about what kinds of projects can be supported, to apply for a grant and to nominate local projects.

Tesco Community Grants is always open for applications from charities and community organisations to bid for up to £1,500. Three projects in 575 local communities are voted on by customers in Tesco stores throughout the UK, with projects changing every three months.

[How to apply](#)

Table Tennis at the Pump House - 10/7/21

2pm Monday 12th

2pm Thurs 14th

Weekly

Contact Ashley.Chapman@southandvale.gov.uk if you're interested.

U3a Summer lunch - not this year- 10/7/21

After considerable debate the U3A committee with great reluctance and prudence has decided NOT to hold a summer party in August. The general feeling was that there would be some reluctance to attend any large social event this summer.. There will therefore be no U3A meeting in August but there are plans for a speaker in person at the Corn exchange in September with special refreshments.

20785 Vaccinations- Well done everyone - 7/7/21

We are delighted to announce that we have, as of the end of June, reached a total of 20,785 vaccinations since we started our Covid programme in early January of this year.

This fantastic achievement has been made possible by the tremendous commitment to our efforts by you the patients, both from Faringdon and the outlying villages of our catchment area. Our sincere thanks to all of you for being part of this and the kind words of support on local media.

We have of course also benefitted from the most amazing team of volunteers covering all areas of necessary support to our Clinic work for which we are incredibly grateful, under the primary coordination of Mr Callum Skeat. Thank you so much.

Our PPG (Patient Participation Group) have also played a supportive role behind the scenes, adding further to our efforts by spreading the message of patient inclusion. Thank you, PPG members. If you are interested in joining our PPG please speak to the Practice Manager, Angie Sammut on [01367 242388](tel:01367242388).

Our thanks as well to all who have supported us in other ways, such as our Landlords at the RAC building, the tenants on the RAC estate coping with our presence and those, especially the Snooty Mehmaan and Sams Cakes n' Bakes amongst others, who have kept us fed and watered. It really is appreciated.

And finally, a big thank you as well to all the staff at WHMP. This has not been an easy time as we have kept the main practice open at Volunteer Way throughout the campaign, and it is not over yet. The WHMP Covid Team at the clinic led by Dr Rob Russ (GP Partner), Michelle Harfield (Senior Administrator) and Becky Eyre (Senior Nurse) have excelled themselves, but also those at Volunteer Way have stoically maintained the best patient service possible in these very difficult times.

David Owen-Smith, CEO WHMP, on behalf of the Partners, staff and the Covid Team: July 6th 2021
To highlight the result a few figures for consideration for those who like the statistics:

- Almost 13,000 first Dose vaccinations
- Almost 8,000 second vaccinations*

We have achieved a minimum of 90% cohort penetration of all those at 65 years of age and over, plus all those in care homes, vulnerable or working as frontline care home, health and social care workers

We have achieved a minimum of 86% cohort penetration of all those aged 50 or over, including adults aged 16-65 years in an at-risk health condition

For those at the first dose stage, from 18-40 years old we have achieved 77% cohort penetration

If you still need a vaccination (first or second dose), and are at 8 weeks for a second dose then please contact us today on [01367 242388](tel:01367242388) for second Doses or via the National Booking Service on [119](tel:119) for first doses

*All figures stated are based upon known numbers on the 2nd July 2021

Faringdon Cinema Opening - 7/7/21

Faringdon Town Council are happy to announce that the Regent Cinema will open its doors again in September 2021. It's great to be able to offer a community cinema once again for the residents of Faringdon and surrounding villages.

I will be in touch with dates and film choices for September by the beginning of August.

[See poster](#)

Faringdon Artistic Skating club - 1/7/21

We have places for beginners age 5 upwards Ideal for those that can skate and wish to learn new skills.

We can provide skates if required

Contact [07872955355](tel:07872955355) for further information

Public Access Defibrillator Locations in Faringdon- 1/7/21

I've just added some information about these. There's a pdf file you can download if you want a copy.

See [Link on Home Page](#)

Ed

Table Tennis at the Pump House - 1/7/21

To start 2pm on a Thursday 8th. Maybe another session on a Monday too

For 'mature' players

Contact Ashley.Chapman@southandvale.gov.uk if you're interested.

Garage Giveaway Sale - 1/7/21

Ferndale St
Moynes Court
Goddard Court
Westbrook
Willes Close
Park Road
The Pines
Highworth Road
Folly View Road
Corallian Drive
King Street
Jones Crescent

Please follow government social distancing regulations and have a great day!

[See Map](#)

Clubs and organisations information - 1/7/21

I have just reviewed and updated the information on this site about Clubs and organisations. I'd be very pleased if anyone involved with any of them would have a look and tell me if changes are needed. And of course, let me know if your club is missing.

The info about brownies, cubs etc is very out of date I believe

Thanks v much

Ed

Faringdon Writers Group - 1/7/21

Do you like to write...but never quite have the time?

Would you like to write....but don't know where to begin?

Then come and find out for Faringdon Writers may well be the place for you.

We are a friendly bunch which meet on the third Tuesday of every month 7.30-9.30pm at the Faringdon Business Centre (when able to in person) or online via Zoom.

There are mini workshops, visiting speakers, a chance to write, chat and share your work all with good humour and a little friendly support and challenge.

Meetings are free and new members are always welcome.

For more details contact Val Hughes on faringdonwriters@gmail.com