

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

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

Park in Budgeons - the Hall is behind the car park

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

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

Come and enjoy the music, food and company.

Entrance is free with donations to Christian Aid .

Table Tennis- 30/6/17

Starts Wednesday 12th

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

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

Wicklesham Quarry- Judicial Review- 30/6/17

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

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

Anna Hoare

Child's specs found - 29/6/17

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

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

Name supplied

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

Meet at The Old Town Hall at 2pm

All equipment provided, please wear appropriate footwear.

Refreshments provided

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

Faringdon Town Council

Freedom of the Vale - 25/6/17

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

RE: Thames water- 25/6/17

Its worth letting them fix leaks,

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

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

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

Name supplied

Eric Dunbar- 22/6/17

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

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

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

Any questions please contact Andrew on 07795073263.

I miss you already dad.

Andrew

Grants from Oxfordshire Community Fund - 22/6/17

£1500 to more than £10k

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

Live at the Park 2017 - 21/6/17

Dear Fellow Faringdonians

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Joel Francis

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

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

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

Who we are:

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

The Programme:

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

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

Best wishes and thank you for your time.

Ryan Leigh, Junior Researcher, The Repair shop, Ricochet

Re: Thames Water:- 21/6/17

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

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

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

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

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

Rob.

Thames Water- 20/6/17

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

Elisabeth Calman

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

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

Name supplied.

UNWANTED GIFT for sale - 18/6/17

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

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

<https://jefflynneselo.com/>

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

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

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

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

Steve Wright

Groundwork Community Award- 17/6/17

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

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

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

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

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

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

The deadline for nominations is 25 August.

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

[Nominate your heroes now.](#)

The march.- 16/6/17

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

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

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

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

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

Well I'm not excited just annoyed that the only day off I get in a week I am going to be held virtual prisoner in my home until I am allowed out at three o'clock to pick my car up from Tesco.

Name supplied

The Rifles to parade through Faringdon town centre on Sun June 25th - 16/6/17

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

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

The Regiment will march into the Market Square at around midday. An inspection and speeches by the Vice Lord Lieutenant, Mr John Harwood, the Chairman of the Vale of White Horse Councillor Reg Waite and the Rifles Colonel Greater London & Home Counties Brigadier Rob Thomson DSO OBE will then take place.

The Rifles officer commanding the parade will officially ask permission to exercise the Freedom before the parade marches up Church St before returning for the Vice Lord Lieutenant to take the salute.

[Read full press release, including information about road closures](#)

Sponsorship Thankyou- 16/6/17

To all friends and family who supported my charity 'NightRider' cycle around London on the evening of June 10th/11th, with donations

I was pleased to complete the cycle ride, safely in 4.25 hours

Grateful thans to Liliain Ash of Sheffords Bakery, London St, and her customers for support and encouragement.

I have now sent all the money to the Bowel and Cancer research charity; a total of £363.02 was donated.

Many thanks to all

Jeff Wilson

Rounders in the Park- 16/6/17

Faringdon Leisure Centre Field

Fun, social & no experience necessary Weekly sessions start 27 June Tuesday's 6.30 pm - 7.30 pm - Free!

For more details contact Ashley Chapman 07717 714477 ashley.chapman@southandvale.gov.uk

Redcoats to Rifleman- a talk by Brigadier Robin Draper 15/6/17

Corn Exchange 23rd June 7.30pm. Doors open 6.45

[See the poster for more detail](#)

Pump House Project Summer Newsletter- 15/6/17

www.thepumphouseproject.co.uk/news-letter-archive

Read all about the MBE for Voluntary groups, the sELFie project (and much more)

The Pump House Project has been awarded The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service

The Pump House Project was awarded The Queens Award for Voluntary Service 2017 to mark the occasion of her Golden Jubilee, recognising excellence in voluntary activities carried out by groups in the community.

It is the MBE for volunteer groups. The work TPHP does for the community was very much admired by the independent Assessment Committee, chaired by Sir Martyn Lewis CBE

The Steeds Planning permission- 15/6/17

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

I've had a quick look at the [Planning Obligation agreement](#)- I can't see any developer contributons to Faringdon Town Council or Great Coxwell Parish council- but I didn't read it word for word

Ed

Faringdon Knit and Knatter Ladies- 15/6/17

We are holding a Coffee Morning in the Corn Exchange, Faringdon on Saturday 17th June 2017, 10-12 noon, raising funds to fill and transport Elderly and Family Shoeboxes for Link to Hope. Your support will be very much appreciated.

Name supplied

Faringdon Regent Cinema price changes from July- 14/6/17

Tickets in Advance: £3 U18s, £4 Adult, £10 Family

Tickets on Door £4 U18s, £5 Adult, £11 Family (In other words, it's £1 more on the door!)

Please pop in and pick up your tickets from Faringdon Information Centre, 5 Market Place SN7 7HL

or why not pay by phone? Tel: 01367 240281

Why not buy a Matinee Club Membership for our Wednesday afternoon films? £24 for a minimum of 12 films

For more info on upcoming films, please see our website www.faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk/regent-cinema or phone 01367 240281

Thank you for supporting the community cinema in The Corn Exchange

Freedom of the Vale March- 13/6/17

Having now read the letter which has been posted on Facebook, I think the clue is in the first sentence..."The Vale of the White Horse District Council has awarded a local regiment the right to march through our town on the above date."

We are lucky that the Town Clerk has had the common sense to inform local residents and businesses of this event which has been authorised and arranged by our District Council and not the Town Council.

I think it is an honour although I can see how inconvenient it will be especially if people have specific arrangements made for that day that require them to be able to access their premises with a vehicle.

Green Witch

Freedom of the Vale March - 12/6/17

What's going on in Faringdon on 25th June, this march that is taking place is totally inconvenient, I am disabled and unable to walk to Tesco car park on this day or any other day, I park my car on Gloucester Street normally, wouldn't mind if the car park in Gloucester Street was open but that is being closed also, could someone tell me if this is legal.

Name supplied

Website updates resumed - 10/6/17

Back from holiday now

Ed

Badbury Clump Planning application refused - 9/6/17

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

BUSCOT RUN - 5k & 10k Sunday 2nd July 2017- 8/6/17

The annual Buscot Run organised by Faringdon Rotary will take place this year on Sunday 2nd July in the beautiful setting of Buscot Park whilst the park is closed by kind permission of Lord Faringdon. Run over 5k and 10k the course has been accurately measured using GPS and runs right past the front door of Buscot House, through formal parkland, woods and around open fields on a mix of gravel and tarmac. Water stations will be at strategic locations. The 5k race will start at 9.30am and the 10k at 10.30am. Whether you're a serious runner or just jog for enjoyment, if you would like to enrol for either race, you can register with PayPal on our website: www.faringdonrotaryclub.co.uk For further details call Roddy Benson 01367 243864. All proceeds go to our charity projects, most of which are local.

MUSIC at BUSCOT PARK THEATRE- 8/6/17

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

The aim of these events is to give the performers, all talented professional or semi-professional musicians, the opportunity of having an appreciative audience for some rarely performed works as well as better known pieces. For a solo performer or small group to produce a 90 minute programme an immense amount of preparation and practice is required so I hope as many people as possible will support this venture.

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

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

email: info@buscotconcerts.co.uk

Hilary Taylor

Thames Valley Police Faringdon Neighbourhood Team changes- 7/6/17

As you will have noticed there have been a few changes to the Faringdon Neighbourhood Team as we move to the new force operating model. Sergeant Ryan JAMES, PC Trevor GORMAN, PC Bob SEARLE, WPC Debs CANNON and PC Tom PRYOR have all contributed fantastically to the Faringdon Neighbourhood team being recognised by the Community Policing awards, with four awards in as many years, but will be moving on to the investigation hubs and problem solving team. The problem solving team will be a team of neighbourhood officers based at Abingdon able to drop onto particular problem areas identified by Threat, Harm, Opportunity and Risk. This will be led by Sgt Ryan JAMES with PC Tom PRYOR on the team and they will be supporting Faringdon where they can.

25th June 2017- 1/6/17

I would like it to be known to the town council that at 3.05 on the above date there will be a parade of annoyed and totally pissed off residents from Gloucester St, London St, Cornmarket and Church street making their way up to Tesco's car park to retrieve their cars, please be tolerant of this "exciting " event as the mood may well be a tad fractious. you are warmly invited to watch the procession of about two hundred cars making their way back to their normal parking spots. ...Looks like we are all going to be held hostage in our homes that day, hopefully no one will be needing a doctor or ambulance, those resident having the luxury of off road parking wont be allowed out, or if they do go out, wont be allowed back...what happened to free choice or even free will. What are you going to do town council if no one wants to move their cars, tow them away?

Name Supplied.

Freedom of the Vale March- 1/6/17

We have received a notice that on 25th June there will be a march through Faringdon and because of this we are going to suffer!! no parking in Gloucester Street, Corn Market and Church Street, also the lower part of London Street, what a cheek this is, also the Gloucester Street Car Park will be closed, well thank you very much, how are we supposed to get into and out of our homes, you're talking about taking car's off of the road when everyone is home, what a cheek, we have all paid our road tax so strictly speaking you can't do this, it's highly illegal to stop anyone getting onto the road and is quite inconvenient to walk all of the way to Tesco car park during this time. I will be interested to see what other people say about this.

Name supplied

INDIA ELECTRIC CO. in concert.- Friday 7th July- 1/6/17

Corn Exchange - doors 7.30pm for 8pm.

Currently supporting and accompanying MIDGE URE for the second year on his world tour 'Something From Everything,' India Electric Co are heading back to Faringdon for another headline show! They rarely do them as touring with Midge takes so much time.

Their concert here last September sold out so grab tickets early this time.

They were first here in 2013 when they supported 'Show of Hands' at the very first 'Live At The Tithe'.

'Arriving seemingly fully formed on the scene the 'twenty-somethings' dazzled with their original material – the sublime vocals of Stacey complementing the huge talents of pianist, violinist and accordionist O'Keefe, probably one of the best young multi instrumentalists in the country.- - Spiral Earth.

**** "Bursting with invention and full of surprises." - The Telegraph

**** "Their reeling, spinning sound corroborates the content of their songs which appear to be describing a life alive with motion. They are altogether a good thing, busy as rush hour but full of light." - The Independent on Sunday

Sometimes folk, sometimes not. India Electric Company travel through Eastern European themes, gypsy jazz and Irish reels to end up with something "quirky and glittery - a veritable musical magpie's nest." - Mary Ann Kennedy, BBC Radio 3.

Tickets £10.00 are available from the Faringdon Information Centre, The Pump House, Market Place 01367 240281 or from wegottickets.

Val Sansford