

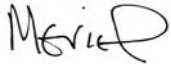
Dear Readers

Big thanks are due to John Guest again this month in his rôle as Doctor Duplicator – without his magic magnetic screwdriver I would still be knee deep in paper and you wouldn't be reading this!

I'd also like to thank all the deliverers for their hard work during the year, **not stopped by snow, nor rain, nor heat, nor darkness** in bringing MADNews to your door

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas

Until next time .



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PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Bus Service

The old Stagecoach bus service no. 31 returns with effect from 9th December. As mentioned last month the long circular route from Oxford to Abingdon, Marcham, Wantage, Harwell, Didcot, Sutton Courtenay, Abingdon and to Oxford again will cease to run. The route will be split into 2 sections. The new service 31 will run between Oxford, Abingdon, Marcham and Wantage and will run all day at an increased frequency of every 30 minutes. In addition the morning “gap” in service will be reduced and services will run to Abingdon/Oxford at 07.18, 07.53, 08.18, 08. 48, 09.23 then every 30 minutes. Look out for the new timetables.

Parish Council – Anson Trust

The Parish Council can nominate two of the Directors of the Anson Trust to serve for a 3 year period. The Council will be deciding at its next meeting on 12th December which two people it will put forward. If anyone is interested in being considered, then please contact the Clerk as soon as possible, as this is your last opportunity until nominations are next invited again in 3 years time.

Parishioner of the Year Award

For the past 4 years the Council has awarded a Parishioner of the Year Award to a local person who had devoted much time and energy working within the community. There are many people who would be worthy recipients, and the Council is now inviting nominations for the next award. Would anyone who wishes to submit a nomination, please contact the clerk, whose details appear below, sending a short statement of not more than 200 words, as to who he/she wishes to nominate and the reasons why the person should receive the award. The deadline for receipt of nominations is 31st January, 2008.

A415 Traffic Trial

The deadline for returning your views back to the County Council on the traffic trial and the possibility of providing a footway around the bend, was 1st December. The Parish Council has asked the County Council to keep it informed as to local opinion, and the Parish Council itself will be considering the matter at its meeting on 12th December. Hopefully, once an assessment of local views has been done, the County Council will be able to reach a final decision as to whether or not it will install a path on a more permanent basis.

Play area – Anson Field

Now that the new play equipment is in, consideration is being given to painting the old slide, providing a bench seat and possibly doing something with the youth shelter, which has been in place for almost 20 years. An official opening is being considered in the better weather next year when all the planned work there is finished.

Advertising Clutter

The Vale of White Horse District Council is clamping down on unauthorised signs and advertisements in the district. Two new envirocrime officers have been appointed at the District Council who will be out and about in rural areas dealing with such matters. There is a fixed penalty notice which carries a fine of £75 for each fly-posting offence. If the fines are not paid or there are reoccurrences prosecution could result. A guide for advertisers can be found on the Department for Communities and Local Government website which outlines which advertising needs consent.

Electrical items for disposal

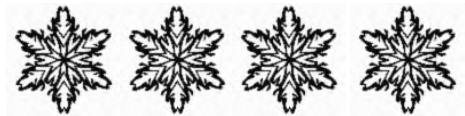
The County Council's waste recycling centres at Redbridge and Drayton are registered to accept unwanted electrical items. Residents with items to get rid of can take them to either of these sites for safe disposal.

Date of Next Council Meeting:

Wednesday 12 December at 7.30 p.m. in the residents' lounge, Duffield Place.

Clerk to the Council: Mrs. L. Martin, 90 Howard Cornish Rd, Tel: 01865 391833

The Council wishes everyone a happy Christmas



RECYCLING

The new schedule of collections for recycling has recently been published and you may have missed that you may now put Yellow Pages in the Brown Bin! If you don't have one, see if a neighbour has space in theirs. Christmas cardboard and wrapping paper can also be put in Brown Bins and plastics pots can now be taken to Tesco and the Leisure Centre.

If you have a problem with Recycling collection, contact the VoWHDC on 01235 520202.

HOLIDAY WASTE COLLECTIONS

Please ensure your rubbish bags aren't left vulnerable to animal and/or bird attack.

Christmas and New Year Holiday	
Normal Day	Will be...
Tue 25 Dec	Thur 27
Wed 26	Fri 28
Thur 27	Sat 29
Fri 28	Mon 31
Mon 31	Wed 2 Jan
Tue 1 Jan	Thur 3
Wed 2	Fri 4
Thur 3	Sat 5
Fri 4	Mon 7
Mon 7	Tue 8
Tue 8	Wed 9
Wed 9	Thur 10
Thur 10	Fri 11
Fri 11	Sat 12