

*Dear Readers*

I hope you all had enjoyable Christmas and New Year celebrations whatever you were doing and are looking forward to a bright, shiny new year full of promise. I am hoping for a year full of happy pictures for the MADNews cover. lots of interesting articles and events... and maybe not so many upside-down pages or typos!

*Happy New Year*

*Until next time .*



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**PARISH COUNCIL NEWS**

**A415 Traffic Trial**

Unfortunately the County Council was not able to provide an analysis of the response forms in time for the Parish Council meeting on 12th December. Without the information from the County Council, the Parish Council agreed to postpone its discussion until a future meeting. It is understood that officers from the County Council are meeting with the Cabinet Member for Transport during mid January to talk about the trial, so hopefully more news will be available after then.

**Parish Council – Anson Trust**

The Parish Council can nominate two of the Directors of the Anson Trust to serve for a 3 year period. Three people have expressed an interest in being considered. Whilst it was hoped that two nominees could be selected in December, the Council agreed to postpone its selection until there had been an opportunity to meet with those who wanted to be considered. It is hoped that a decision will be reached at the next Council meeting.

**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.

**Flood Information Booklet**

The Parish Council has formed a flood working party which is considering the problems encountered in the village back in July and is drafting a booklet containing information which will be of use should a similar problem occur again. The Parish Council is writing to the relevant organisations such as Environment Agency and County Council to ensure that there is proper maintenance of waterways and clearance of drains.

**Additional rubbish**

Christmas is a time when we all seem to accumulate extra packaging and items for the dustbin and recycling bin. Please take note of the re -

arranged collection days over the holiday period and do not put your refuse and recycling boxes out too early. This applies too for the usual Monday collection, when bags should be at the kerbside by 7.00 a.m. on the day of collection, or at the earliest the evening before.

**Date of Next Council Meeting:**

Wednesday 9 January, 2008 at 7.30pm. 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 new year**

**MP’S SURGERY WITH ED VAIZEY**

*5.30-7.00pm, unless stated otherwise*

11 Jan	<b>Wallingford</b> , Town Hall
25 Jan	<b>Faringdon</b> , Corn Exchange
8 Feb	<b>Didcot</b> , King Alfred Drive Community Centre
<b>Contact Ed Vaizey by</b>	
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**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.**

<b>New Year Holiday</b>	
<b>Normal Day</b>	<b>Will be...</b>
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