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Next, a reminder that the deadline for the September issue will be

**5pm on 12 August
for both adverts and articles.**

Until next time –

have a very happy summer.



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PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

A415 temporary traffic trial

As detailed in previous issues of MADNews, the dates for the County Council's traffic experiment have now been announced. This will commence on 10th July until 11th August. It is planned to install lights over the shortest possible section of road just either side of the most westerly bend by The Crown public house. This should minimize problems for those with driveway accesses, and with a shorter distance, the shorter the time delays in changing the lights and therefore the shorter the queues. A footway area for pedestrians will be marked out by physical barriers on the northern side of the A415 about 1.5 metres from the kerb. The plans of what is proposed are on the Council's noticeboard outside the Institute and in the Post Office.

The County Council is seeking the views and comments of residents during the trial period on the experiment. All comments should be sent to Oxfordshire County Council, Southern Area Office, Milton Road, Drayton, Abingdon, Oxon OX14 4EZ and marked for the attention of Mr. P. Ronald. Alternatively they can be emailed to southernarea@oxfordshire.gov.uk again marked for the attention of Mr. P. Ronald. All comments should be submitted by Wednesday 15th August. *Please note* that should there be excessive delays caused, or problems for emergency vehicles then the traffic experiment will be abandoned.

Play Area – renovation plans

Some of the old play equipment is looking very tired and is in need of replacement. Orders have been placed for new equipment comprising springy animals, a roundabout and balancing barrel. The old wooden animals will be removed, as will the skale swing and helicopter. It is also proposed to remove the hedge on the side facing the main field to enable a better view in and out of the site. It is hoped the works will be done by the end of July in time for the school holidays.

Bus Shelter – Howard Cornish Road – No Smoking

Unfortunately the bus shelter has suffered vandalism. The Council will be replacing the glazing. The new glass will also have a notice affixed which indicates that smoking in the shelter is against the law. The Health Act 2006 which restricts smoking in enclosed public places also applies to the bus shelter, as this is regarded as a public place. Anyone smoking in the shelter can be fined up to £200 on conviction by a court.

Dumping - Grass Cutting

As the grass cutting season is well under way again, the dumping of grass cuttings appears to be a continuing problem. These have been spotted along the public footpaths, particularly the path from North Street which runs to the A415. Whilst

residents may think that one small quantity may rot down, the accumulative effect of several loads of garden waste spoils the appearance of the village, blocks the paths and becomes a real problem. Other villagers via the council tax are left to pay for the clearing. The Post Office sells the District Council green sacks which can take grass and can be put out weekly for collection, also there is the brown wheelie bin scheme which is run by the District. These can take garden waste and cardboard. For further information please contact the Vale of White Horse District Council on 01235 520202

Bottle Banks, Howard Cornish Rd / Recycling

The Vale of White Horse District Council has contractors for street cleansing and they have a responsibility to keep the bottle bank area free from broken glass. Any problems noticed should be reported to the District Council. In addition the grass cutting contractors are being asked to strim around the bins to help keep the area tidy. All bottle banks throughout the Vale are very well used, and there are no plans at the moment to remove them.

In addition to the usual items collected from the green box which includes plastic drink bottles, there are two recycling bins locally which take other forms of soft plastics. Items such as margarine cartons, yoghurt cartons and lids from tubs can be recycled provided they are separated from other recyclable items. One such bin is at Millets Farm, another is at Tesco. The Council would encourage recycling, so next time you are visiting Millets or Tesco remember to take your soft plastics with you and put them in the appropriate recycling bin.

Marcham Cemetery

Tidying of the Cemetery will soon start. There are plans to clear the old ivy and brambles in the old section on the western side together with works to trees to lift them off graves and general cutting back of hedges. The corner on the Eastern side where the rubbish is now left is being cleared and levelled. This will in future be grassed and left open just with a flower bin.

Date of Next Council Meeting:

Wednesday 11th July 2007 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

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

August Bank Holiday	
Normal Day	Will be...
Mon 27 August	Tue 28 August
Tue 28	Wed 29
Wed 29	Thur 30
Thur 30	Fri 31
Fri 31	Sat 1 Sept