

*Dear Readers*

June brings the first crop of fêtes, fairs, fayres and open days to relieve us of cash in exchange for fun and cakes.

There's lots to do and see outside, I just hope the weather settles down – or if it turns into a real British summer at least there is footie and tennis on the TV!

The next MADNews is the bumper summer issue to last until September so if you have anything planned for July or August that you want to advertise, don't forget to get it to me by 20 June...

...and then you can send in a "what I did in the holidays" article for 20 August for the September issue.

*Until next time....*



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**PARISH COUNCIL NEWS**

**Annual Meeting of the Parish Council**

The annual meeting of the Council was held on 10th May, when Mr. W. Cumber was elected Chairman and Mr. P. Rowe Vice-Chairman for the forthcoming year.

The Council also appointed representatives to the Hills Aggregates Liaison Committee, (the Hills site being situated in the North of the parish) and also to the Anson Field Management Committee as the Council maintains the play equipment in the field. Anyone wishing to bring anything to the attention of the Council can do so via the Clerk or Council members.

A full list of Council members, addresses and contact telephone numbers appear on the Council's noticeboard outside The Institute, North Street.

**Bus Tokens**

From 1st April residents in the Vale who are over 60 or have certain disabilities were entitled to a bus pass entitling them to free off-peak local bus journeys. The Vale of White Horse District Council is no longer issuing bus tokens. If anyone has bus tokens then these are still being accepted by Stagecoach and the Oxford Bus Company. There will come a time when the bus companies decide to stop accepting the tokens, but they have promised to advise Parish Council and give plenty of warning when that will be. Anyone who is eligible for a bus pass, but has not yet received one should contact the Vale of White Horse District Council on 01235 520202 or visit the one stop shop at the entrance to the District Council's offices, Abbey House, Abingdon.

**Barrier – Howard Cornish Road**

Those residents who walk Howard Cornish Road opposite Anson Close will have seen a new barrier put in by the County Council at the end of the footway which leads through to the school. This is for safety reasons and to prevent children running from the school straight into Howard Cornish Road.

**Village dumping**

As the grass cutting season is well under way again, the dumping of grass cuttings appears to have started. These have been spotted along with fly tipping in parts of the parish. Whilst residents may think that one small quantity may rot down, the accumulative effect of several people dumping garden waste spoils the appearance of the village, can block public rights of way and becomes a real problem. The village has entered the best kept village competition and judging continues until mid - June. Would residents please think twice before leaving their waste on other people's land, as someone else has to pay to clear it away. Information about the

green sack scheme and the brown wheelie bin scheme for garden refuse is available from the Vale of White Horse District Council, at Abbey House, Abingdon tel: 01235 520202.

**Threat to Abingdon Hospital**

Many of you will be aware of the proposed changes to local hospitals which propose that Wallingford should become the main facility in the area and Abingdon possibly becoming a home nursing centre and day care unit. The local town mayors have launched a petition to protect the hospitals. These are available for signing in shops and pubs in Abingdon.

**Date of Next Council Meeting:**

7.30pm Wednesday 14th June in the residents' lounge, Duffield Place.

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

**POST OFFICE PETITION**

There is a petition in the Post Office asking  
*... the Government to reverse its announcement that it will end support for the Post Office Card Account in 2010 thereby threatening the viability of thousands of post offices ...*  
**Every signature will count.**



**MP'S SURGERY WITH ED VAIZEY**

5.30-7.00pm, unless stated otherwise

<b>June</b>	
9	<b>Didcot</b> King Alfred Drive Community Centre
23	<b>Wallingford</b> Town Hall
<b>July</b>	
14	<b>Grove</b> Old Mill Hall, Old School Lane
<b>Contact Ed Vaizey by</b>	
Post	The House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA
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**HOLIDAY WASTE COLLECTIONS**

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

<b>May Bank Holidays</b>	
<b>Normal Day</b>	<b>Will be...</b>
Mon 29th	Tue 30th
Tue 30th	Wed 31st
Wed 31st	Thur 1st June
Thur 1st June	Fri 2nd June
Fri 2nd June	Sat 3rd June

