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Arrangements for items to be included in MADNews will have to stay the same for the July/August combined issue ie please put them through my door. If you can't deliver anything yourself, give me a call and I can collect.

However, I am very hopeful that by the time the September issue deadline comes around (on 15 August) we will have some sort of Post Office service again.

Until next time

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MARCHAM PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

At the annual meeting of the Council held on 13th May, Mr. Malcolm Denton was elected Chairman for the forthcoming year and Mr. David Walton as Vice-Chairman. Mr. William Cumber will represent the parish on the Hills Aggregates Liaison Committee. This Committee acts as a forum for discussion on the operation of the gravel and sand extraction sites at the northern end of the parish.

Post Office

The Clerk spoke with the Post Office Authorities on Tuesday 19th May. They have confirmed that they are working hard to find a temporary replacement to keep the Post Office open and that they are optimistic and very hopefully of being able to provide a stand-in service whilst the shop is advertised.

Bottle Banks – Howard Cornish Road

The hardstanding, as reported last month, has now been installed. This should make it much easier to sweep the broken glass and keep the area tidy. In addition a litter bin has been installed. This is because so many bags, boxes and carriers were being left on the floor alongside the bins. Please note there is not a plastics recycling bin nor a cardboard recycling bin at the site and these items should not be left.

Thames Valley Police Open Day

Saturday 8th August 10 a.m. – 4.00 p.m. at Thames Valley Police Training Centre Sulhamstead near Reading. Police helicopter and team, mounted and dog sections, displays from emergency services, museum. A poster is on the Council's noticeboard and more information is available at www.thamesvalley.police.uk/newsevents

Best Kept Front Garden Competition

A reminder that the Parish Council is organising a Best Kept Garden competition again this year. Judging for this year's competition will take place during the last two weeks of June. This will be front gardens only. Final round judging will take place during the first 2 weeks of July.

Oxfordshire Villages of the Year

The Council has decided not to enter the competition this year. A tremendous amount of effort is required to mount a table top display of village life, and it was thought that there was little new to add to the display that was prepared last year. The Council will give thought to entering the competition on another occasion.

June Meeting of the Council

At the June meeting of the Parish Council, representatives from the Housing Department at the Vale of White Horse District Council will be giving a

presentation about the allocation process for affordable housing, the choice based lettings system and the District Council's links with the Housing Associations which own the properties. The Council meetings are open to the public and anyone who is interested in hearing the talk is welcome to attend. Anyone interested in putting themselves down on the District Council's housing waiting list might find it useful.

A420 Contingency Planning Meeting

The County Council is planning diversion routes should the A420 be obstructed for some reason. The suggestion is to route vehicles from the A420 along the A415 and through the village to join the A34. The Parish Council is sending a representative to a meeting next month where matters are to be discussed. The Parish Council has, so far, objected to proposals to include the village in any diversion routes.

Proposal for Energy from Waste Incinerator – Sutton Courtenay

The Parish Council has been invited by the Environment Agency to comment on the application for a permit to operate the incinerator, which will be required should planning permission be granted. The Council is concerned that all refuse will be burned without being sorted. This could lead to unacceptable release of toxins into the atmosphere and consequently impact on the area and on public health. The frequency of the monitoring too was of concern. Limited monitoring was not sufficient given the risks from the emissions. Carbon capture did not feature as part of the application, yet other industrial users were actively considering carbon capture as part of their operation.

Pony Paddocks

The Parish Council is inviting tenders for letting for one year, the two pony paddocks at the corner of Cow Lane and Sheepstead Road, and also The Ham paddock off Mill Road. If anyone is interested in either or both plots, would they please contact the Clerk stating the amount of the tender. N.B. The Council is not obliged to accept any or the highest tender.

Date of Next Council Meeting:

Wednesday 10 June 2009 at 7.30pm. in the residents' lounge, Duffield Place with talk by the Vale of White Horse District Council on its housing waiting list and housing allocation procedure.

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