

Dear Readers

Welcome to new readers from Fyfield this month. I hope you find MADNews *informative, educational and entertaining* (to paraphrase the BBC!). I wonder how far around the world people are reading MADNews? There may be someone in Alaska planning a visit to the UK just to sample the home-made cakes from the WI Market on Friday morning in Abingdon, or a thespian in Auchtermuchty deciding on which cushion to take to STUFF by the Marcham Players on 26 May!

If you know of a far-flung place where MADNews is read, let me know (if you have a photo, even better)!

Until next time



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**PARISH COUNCIL NEWS**

**New Council is formed**

The term of office for the current Parish Council is coming to an end and a new Parish Council will be formed from the 4th day after the election to serve for the next 4 years. There are 10 seats on the Council and 10 local people have been nominated to fill the seats. As the election is uncontested, no formal ballot is needed. Your new Parish Councillors will be:  
Jennifer Allan..... 12 Frilford Road  
Colin Bough..... 28 Kings Avenue  
Ian Charles..... 17 The Farthings  
William Cumber... Manor Farm, Mill Rd  
Malcolm Denton.. 10 Kings Avenue  
Marjorie Evans..... 14 The Farthings  
David Hutchinson 71 Howard Cornish Rd  
Christine Ricketts. 2 Hyde Copse  
Samantha Turney . 11 Longfields  
David Walton ..... 19 The Farthings  
Details of who has been appointed Chairman and Vice Chairman and contact details for the members will be advertised once the first meeting of the new Council has taken place.

The current Vice-Chairman of the Council, Mr. Peter Rowe, decided not to stand as a candidate and he will therefore be standing down. The Council wishes to express its thanks to him for his efforts on the Council since being co-opted, particularly stepping in as Chairman at times, and for representing the Council at various meetings and events that have taken place.

**A415 – Packhorse Lane – Temporary Traffic Light trial**

The Parish Council has been informed that the County Council is drawing up a detailed plan of its proposal and is seeking views from the Police and emergency services. A possible programme for the scheme is being developed and the Parish Council will be told when this is available. The County has said that it will work closely with the Parish Council in developing the trial to enable it to be fully advertised locally and for the assessment of its success or failure to be carried out fairly.

**X15 Thames Transit Bus**

This bus has been running for some while with a government subsidy. Unfortunately the subsidy has come to an end and the Cabinet of Oxfordshire County Council has decided not to fund that part of the service. The Parish Council understands that there is a shortfall of £40,000. The service in its present form will finish on 2nd June. However there are many students from Abingdon Witney College who travel between the two sites. The College has been funding part of the service. The County Council is working with the College to try

and keep some service in operation. News of the outcome of their talks is awaited. The Vale of White Horse District Council too has requested a meeting between the County Council, themselves and the bus operator.

**Date of Next Council Meeting:**

Wednesday 9th May 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

*Hi The Editor*

I wonder if it is possible for you to let me know whether or not there are any Eden families living in or around Marcham. Like millions of others worldwide I am compiling my late Father's Family History and I would be grateful for any help.

**ROSEMARY EDWARDS**

*(please send any information to the Editor)*

**LONGFIELDS: NEW HOUSES**

The new Longfields houses are beginning to be advertised for rent, however the descriptions which first appeared on the Vale's website were, in some instances, incorrect. Amendments are being made to the site. Anyone interested in bidding for one of the rented properties should check [www.valehomechoice.org.uk](http://www.valehomechoice.org.uk) regularly or collect the list of available properties from the offices of the Vale of White Horse District Council at Abbey House, Abingdon. Tel: 01235 520202.

**MP'S SURGERY WITH ED VAIZEY**

*5.30-7.00pm, unless stated otherwise*

May 2007	
Fri 4	Didcot, King Alfred Drive Community Centre
Fri 25	Grove Old Mill Hall, Old School Lane
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May Day Holiday	
Normal Day	Will be...
Mon 7 May	Tue 8 May
Tue 8	Wed 9
Wed 9	Thur 10
Thur 10	Fri 11
Fri 11	Sat 12