

## No. 371 May 2011

On Thursday May 5<sup>th</sup> there will be an election for Parish Councillors. There are 8 candidates standing for 7 places, below is a short paragraph about each candidate.

Please make sure you use your vote.



### Richard Beech

I live in Dene Hollow with my wife and two young sons. We moved to Chilton 5 years ago and I have been a Chilton Parish Councillor for the last 12 months.

My aim, if elected, is to ensure that the new housing development next to our school, which starts soon, becomes an asset to Chilton rather than a millstone around our necks. I feel that as a Local Government Officer dealing with such issues professionally on a daily basis, I am ideally qualified to advise your Parish Council and find the best way towards a satisfactory resolution and help retain the special rural charm of our Downland village.

### Chris Broad

I feel it is important that the Council retains and develops its relevance to all the village and am committed to encouraging initiatives that benefit everyone. The Parish Council has achieved much in this area, including the development of play areas which are well used and benefit the community. However, activities for teenagers are still underdeveloped in the village.

I feel strongly that the Parish Council should be seen to be conducting its business in an open and transparent manner. The newsletter is valuable but we should also consider more immediate modes of communication such as a village website.

### Andy Candelent

Having lived in the village for nearly six years and in North Drive, Harwell for four years before that, I would appreciate the opportunity to get more involved with the village community and issues. I think that my background and experience will allow me to bring a different perspective to the council and provide input from the less well represented side of the village.

### Frank Dumbleton

Has lived in Chilton since 1981, had a career in marketing for British Rail 1972 – 1997 and for Oxford Brookes University 1997 – 2010. Now retired. Member of the Parish Council since 2004. Parish transport representative. Recently organised Transport Needs Survey to support Chilton's case for retaining its bus service in the forthcoming review of subsidised bus services. Wrote village history book *Up in the Downs* 2000. Lives in one of the older houses and is keen to preserve the rural character of the village for the enjoyment of everybody.

### Brian Morris

Has been an active parish councillor, its vice-chair and the representative (and secretary) of the village hall management committee for a number of years. During that time the council helped negotiate the Chilton Field planning agreement (that will produce significant benefits to Chilton) as a condition for the new housing, brought Crafts End Green into community ownership, facilitated play improvements on the Recreation Field and installed new allotments. I'd like to continue as part of the Council team to help the village maximise the opportunities presented by the Chilton Field planning agreement.

### Ian Thompson

I have lived in Chilton for 16 years, have 2 girls one at Chilton School, one at Secondary School. I have been a Parish Councillor for 6 years the last 4 as Chairman.

## Jane Woods

Layton Cottage, Main Street. A past Parish Councillor for twelve years, I stood down owing to family commitments. Now retired, I seek re-election and new challenges. My family, resident since 1861, has long been involved in village life, a tradition I wish to continue.

## Keith Woods

Layton Cottage, Main Street. Resident since 1969, I am in my 33rd year of voluntary service for the Parish, over 27 years on the Village Hall management team and 8 years past service on the Parish Council. I seek to continue serving the Parish at the forthcoming elections.



## Travel Needs Survey

There was a good response to the travel needs survey that was distributed with the March Chronicle. Nearly 60 forms were returned, which is almost 20% response – good by survey standards. These have now been sent to Oxfordshire Rural Community Council who will do the number crunching and provide a report for the Parish Council and for Oxfordshire County Council. Hopefully it will provide evidence of the village's support for the bus service and reinforce the need to retain it during the county council's allocation of funding to bus routes in the forthcoming review.

There were many positive comments made on the forms, which are completely anonymous. Among them:

*For people who normally drive to Oxford the service is so convenient that the bus is favourable to paying very high parking fees.*

*I think the X32 is excellent.*

*We have encouraged friends/relatives living in Oxford to use the X32 – a valuable service.*

*The X32 is fantastic – very much appreciated.*

*We consider it hugely important for residents of such an isolated village with limited accessibility.*

*Fantastic service, wouldn't want any changes.*

*With the increase in petrol prices I will use the car less and the bus each time I go to Didcot or Oxford.*

*Existing public transport very good – one of the main reasons that we moved here – so that when we no longer have use of a car we are still able to go out.*

*The bus is my lifeline, without this service I would be stranded in the village without a shop or post office.*

*Existing service is excellent and reliable for elderly and teenagers to get from Chilton to Didcot/Oxford.*

*We find the service to Oxford very good and use it as often as we can or need to.*

*The continuation of the X32 is absolutely vital to ensure Chilton remains a viable mixed community and to prevent traffic around Oxford from worsening any further.*

We hope that support like this will influence the county council's decision making. We know that our County Councillor, Stewart Lilly is on our side and very supportive of the X32.

Please continue to support the bus service whenever you can. If you don't already use the buses, maybe these positive comments from fellow villagers will persuade you to give them a try.

There were some suggestions for improvements to the bus service. These include:

*Buses earlier in the morning and later in the evening.*

*Sunday buses.*

*A service to Newbury.*

*Publicise the service in Oxford and Didcot as a gateway to walks on the Downs from Chilton.*

*Better publicity for the 10 trip ticket.*

*Easier access to services to Wantage and Abingdon.*

One suggestion was to print the bus timetable in the *Chronicle* again. That is within the parish council's power, and the timetable is attached.

There was one complaint of the bus not arriving – does anybody else have evidence of this? Another comment was of being unable to register with a GP on the bus route and having to go to the Oak Tree surgery on Ladygrove in Didcot.

## PLUSBUS comes to Didcot

*PLUSBUS* is a cheap bus pass that you buy with your train ticket at any station ticket office, by phone or online. It gives you bus travel to and from the rail station and around the whole urban area of town that's at the start and/or finish of your train journey.

*PLUSBUS* is being introduced in the Didcot area on 22 May. It includes the 32 route to Harwell Campus and the X32 to Chilton. For full information see the website:

<http://www.plusbus.info/didcot-plusbus-includes-harwell-campus>

So from now on if your mother in law is visiting and she is critical of your driving, tell her to book a *PLUSBUS* and you won't need to meet her at the station.

Frank Dumbleton



## The Effluent Society – going Upton in the World

Chilton's waste, or at least that part of it which goes into the sewer, will be taking a different route from the beginning of June. A new pipeline will lead from the Dene Hollow pumping station in an easterly and northerly direction to Upton, where it will join an existing pipeline and continue to the sewage treatment works at Didcot.

At present the Dene Hollow station pumps the sewage in the opposite direction to take a more convoluted route to Didcot. The new pipeline to Upton is 2.5km long and up to 3 metres deep at points. It will increase the efficiency of the network. The contract is being carried out by J Murphy & Sons of London, on behalf of Optimise for Thames Water.

Those who walk or cycle along Dene Hollow and the Lynch Way will have noticed the work going on in the fields alongside, but it has caused very little disruption. Local residents have commented on the politeness of the contractors. Mike O'Rourke-Jones, the Construction Manager on site, said, "We started at exactly the right time to take advantage of the good weather." During the excavations a large sarsen stone was

unearthed in the paddock alongside Dene Hollow. The contractors kindly moved it to the Chilton Active play area on the recreation ground where it will be an additional natural feature to sit or climb on, as well as an educational example of the rocks which occur locally.

According to Wikipedia, sarsen stones are sandstone blocks found in quantity in Salisbury Plain, the Marlborough Downs, in Kent, and in smaller quantities in Berkshire, Essex, Oxfordshire, Dorset and Hampshire. They are the post-glacial remains of a cap of tertiary silcrete which once covered much of southern England, a dense, hard rock created from sand bound by a silica cement, making it a kind of silicified sandstone. It is thought to have formed by Neogene to Quaternary weathering and the silicification of Upper Paleocene Lambeth Group sediments, resulting from acid leaching. So now you know.



## All Saints' Chilton Evergreens

The next meeting will be on **Tuesday May 3rd at 2.30pm in the Village Hall**. The speaker will be Alison Knight from Christian Aid who will give a talk on '**Visiting Christian Aid Projects in Honduras**'.

Come and join us and have a cup of tea afterwards. Visitors and new members are always welcome. Further details from Audrey Slater (834558).



## Chilton W.I.

The next meeting of Chilton W.I. will be held on **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> May at 7.45pm** in the Village Hall. The talk will be by Barbara Batley Broad on "The History and Meaning of Nursery Rhymes". The competition is to choose your favourite nursery rhyme and say why.

### Advance Notice

There will be a sale on The Green on Saturday June 11<sup>th</sup> at 11.00am – more details to follow.

New members and visitors are always very welcome. For more information please contact Gwen Pearce on 831930.



### Abingdon Air & Country Charity Show

This year the show will be held on **Sunday 8th May 2011** (the weekend after the Bank Holiday). Open from 10.00am. This is a great day out. For more information visit our website [www.abingdonfayre.com](http://www.abingdonfayre.com)



### Grand Plant Sale and Coffee Morning

Chilton Wives' Group are holding this, for Christian Aid, on **Saturday May 14th** between 10 am and 12 noon in Chilton Village Hall. This is a good opportunity to buy bedding plants, annuals, herbs and vegetable plants.

There will be a Book Stall and a Cake and Home Produce Stall. We would be very grateful for books, plants, flower pots, cakes and offers of help.

Please join us for an opportunity to restock your gardens and to enjoy a cup of coffee and home-baked biscuits. If you have any queries or are able to help in any way please contact Judy Goodall at 43 Crafts End / phone 834503.



### The Chilton Working From Home Group

The Group has now met three times since starting in December and the next meeting will be held at the Rose and Crown on **Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May at 11.00am**. If you would like to find out more information about the Group please contact Fiona Edlington on 01235 863331 or [fiona.edlington@tesco.co.net](mailto:fiona.edlington@tesco.co.net) or just meet us at the pub.



### The Oxfordshire County Show **Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2011 10am-5pm - Hill Farm, Steventon, OX13 6SW**

The Oxfordshire Country Show will showcase the very best of Oxfordshire's talents and this year's hosts, Abingdon Young Farmers, invite you to attend what will be a truly special day offering something for everyone. Come and experience the magic of Oxfordshire's rural community including local produce, rural skills, arts and crafts, live entertainment and much more. One of the highlights of the show will be the talent displayed by the members of Oxfordshire Young Farmers: over 200 individuals aged from 10-26 will compete in a wide range of competitions from bricklaying to pencil art, offering them the chance to learn and you the chance to be truly inspired at what the youth of today can achieve. We really hope to see you on the day to share our passion for the future of the Oxfordshire countryside.

<http://www.oxcountryshow.org.uk>



### Have Your Say

A "Have your Say Meeting" will be held in the Meeting Room at Chilton Village Hall on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> May between 18.00-19.00 hrs.

PCSO Mike Clayden will be attending and villagers are welcome to come along and speak on a one-to-one basis in confidence about any issues they feel are within his capacity as a PCSO to deal with.

Future dates – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July.

If you would like to speak to any member of the Wantage East Neighbourhood team or for more information about your local Neighbourhood team, contact 0845 8 505 505 or visit [www.thamesvalley.police.uk](http://www.thamesvalley.police.uk) For help and advice on Crime Prevention contact Crime Prevention Advisor, Alison Smith 0845 8 505 505



The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on **Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> May at 8.00pm.** Members of the public are invited to attend.

Provisional Agenda

1. Apologies for Absence
2. Declaration of Interests
3. Election of Chairman
4. Election of Vice Chairman
5. Election of Officers
6. Area Beat Officer's Report
7. Open Forum
8. District Council Report
9. County Council Report
10. Planning
11. Minutes of the last PC meeting
12. Matters Arising from the Meeting
13. Finance
14. VHMC Report
15. Play Equipment Inspection
16. Correspondence.

Items to be included in the next Chronicle should be sent to the Clerk (preferably by email) by **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> May.**

Clerk: **Liz Morris, 6 Latton Close, 01235 834233**

Email: **parishclkchilton@btinternet.com**

Parish Councillors – Until 5<sup>th</sup> May

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Dene Hollow  
Dene Hollow  
820971

Mr. Chris Broad  
14 Latton Close  
834347

Mr. David Clayton  
Willow Cottage  
The Lane  
821557

Mr. Frank Dumbleton  
1 Lavender Cottages  
Main Street  
832292

Mr. Terry Garrett  
Lime Tree Farmhouse  
Dene Hollow  
831926

Mr. Brian Morris, Vice Chair  
6 Latton Close  
834233

Mr. Ian Thompson Chairman  
22 The Orchids  
832385

Please contact our County or District Councillors if you have any problems.

County Councillor

Mr Stewart Lilly  
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District Councillors – Until 5<sup>th</sup> May

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Do You Want to Book the Village Hall?

If so, please check the calendar on the Village Hall website for dates: [www.chiltonvillagehall.co.uk](http://www.chiltonvillagehall.co.uk) and then contact Keith Woods, Layton Cottage, Main Street for details. 831750

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You can find it on the Village Hall website: [www.chiltonvillagehall.co.uk](http://www.chiltonvillagehall.co.uk)  
The Chilton Directory is attached to the June 2009 edition of the Chronicle, also available on the website are minutes from recent Parish Council meetings.  
The Parish Council does not accept any responsibility for the adverts placed in the Chilton Directory.

Attached to the Chronicle is the timetable for the X32.