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Come and make our Village a better place.

A condition of the planning permission for the new Chilton Field development is for a sum of money to be given to the Parish Council for the purpose of providing improvements to the current village hall.

The Parish Council and Village Hall Management Committee have decided that in order to ensure these improvements best meet the needs of the village hall community and stakeholders a full consultation exercise will be carried out.

You are invited to three consultation events being held at Chilton Village Hall

Wednesday 31st August (5pm- 9pm) -
Wine and cheese evening

Saturday 10th September (10am-12 noon) – Family Fun

Saturday 1st October (10am-12 noon) –
Tea and Cakes

Come to one event or come to them all. This is your opportunity to make your ideas known and we hope to see as many of you, across all age groups, as possible. Chilton VHMC – Developing a Closer Community

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Chilton Lunch Club for the Elderly

The Club meets each Thursday lunchtime to provide old people from Chilton and its surrounds with a change of environment, a hearty lunch, and convivial company. Volunteers help with transport, serving meals, activities, and generally making clients feel at ease. AgeUK Oxfordshire covers the expenses, although a payment is collected on the day, which helps to offset costs.

Due to some recent retirements the future of this club is under threat. In particular, someone is needed to organize it. This is

a part-time post, paid by AgeUK and occupies around 4 hours a week, although a broader and more consistent interest in clients' lives and welfare through the week, can also bring great satisfaction.

Assuming an organizer can be recruited, it would be helpful to have a few more volunteers available to help, as required, some of whom would be drivers prepared to use their own cars (mileage paid if requested). Finally, and most importantly, you may know of an old person who might benefit from becoming a client. Expressions of interest for any of these three categories, to Jo Fowler of AgeUK on 07827 235408 please.

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Willow Farm to Close

Oxfordshire RSPCA has taken the decision to close Willow Farm in Chilton at the end of September 2011. They advise they are looking for larger premises but why can't Willow Farm stay open until a new location is found and is ready to accept animals?

Willow Farm rehomed over 200 animals last year, some within Chilton, and it is VITAL to Oxfordshire and surrounding areas to deal with the increase in animal abandonment, lost, injured and mistreated animals.

With other rescue centres full, the future for these vulnerable animals will now be very uncertain.

Please help us by registering your support to keep Willow Farm open at www.savewillowfarm.org

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Digital-only TV

Oxfordshire, parts of Berkshire and Buckinghamshire will begin switching to digital-only TV on 14 September 2011. The two-stage process will complete two weeks later on 28 September. This means the existing analogue TV signal will be

switched off and replaced with a new, stronger digital TV signal.

Switchover is happening so that Freeview services (digital TV through an aerial) can be extended to people who can't currently get them. Any analogue television left unconverted will no longer be able to receive TV programmes after the switchover. If you already have Freeview, you will need to re-tune your TV on the day of switchover

Oxfordshire Rural Community Council will be running advice points in Didcot and Witney to help with any questions you have about switchover, including re-tuning, equipment and the Switchover Help Scheme.

The advice points are taking place from **10am to 4pm on 14th, 15th, 28th and 29th September at:**

- Didcot - Cornerstone Arts Centre, 25 Station Road, Didcot
- Witney - The Corn Exchange, Market Square, Witney

If you have a question about the switchover or what you need to do, please pop in to one of our advice points and we will be able to help.

Oxfordshire Rural Community Council
01865 883488 www.oxonrcc.org.uk

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Have Your Say

A "Have your Say Meeting" will be held in the Meeting Room at Chilton Village Hall on **Tuesday 20th September between 18.30-19.30 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

Monday 3rd October

Tuesday 15th November

Wednesday 14th December

If you would like to speak to any member of the Wantage East Neighbourhood team or for more information about your local team, contact 0845 8 505 505 or visit www.thamesvalley.police.uk

For help and advice on Crime Prevention contact Crime Prevention Advisor, Alison Smith 0845 8 505 505.

All Saints' Chilton Evergreens

The next meeting will be on **Tuesday 6th September at 2.30** in the Village Hall. The speaker will be the Rev Michael Swindlehurst who will give a talk entitled 'My Years in Whitehall'.

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

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Chilton Short Mat Bowls Club

Chilton Bowls Club meet at the village hall on a Monday 7.30 to 9.30 pm. We are a friendly group who would like a few more people to join us. It doesn't matter if you have never bowled before, so do drop in on a Monday evening. We don't meet on Bank holidays or during August. For more information ring John Pigott on 834408 or Sonia James on 834224.

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Chilton Wives' Group

Our next meeting will be held on **Tuesday 13th September at 7:45 pm** in Chilton Church. Jane Card will be talking to us on "A Historian looks at Art". This should be a good evening as Jane is an excellent speaker. Visitors are always welcome.

Judy Goodall

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Christian Aid Plant Sale

The Plant Sale earlier this year raised the terrific total of £2,058.56. Many thanks go to everyone who supported this event but Chilton Wives' Group would especially like to thank David Wilson Homes for their generous donation of £250, and Val Andrews whose idea it was to save the wild flowers on site which would have been destroyed when building work began. During the heat of the Spring she spent hours digging up the primroses and other wild flowers. Through the hard work of Val and her helpers Jacquie and Janet we received donations of £466 for these wild plants. This was amazing - thank you Val.

Judy Goodall

Chilton W.I.

The next meeting of Chilton W.I. will be held on **Thursday 15th September at 7.45pm** in the Village Hall. The talk will be by Hazel King on the topic Eradicating Polio. Visitors and new members are always very welcome. For more details please contact Gwen Pearce on 831930

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Churchyard Working Party

Volunteers are needed to help with tidying up the Churchyard on **Saturday 10th September from 9.00am.** and finishing in time for lunch. This is open to everyone in the village, we would love to see lots of people come and give a helping hand for as long as you like. There are a variety of jobs to be done, all you need to do is bring yourself, your favourite tools and not forgetting the gardening gloves. If you have a family grave that needs a tidy please come and join us.

Thank you, for more details please phone Liz Morris on 01235 834233.

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Baby & Toddler Nearly New Sale & Scout Car Wash

Saturday 24th September 10am - 12 noon at Chilton Village Hall. Entrance 50p per adult, children free, plus cake stall, refreshments and tombola. All proceeds in aid of Chilton Baby & Toddler Group and 2nd Chilton Scouts
Suzie Tilbury

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Saturday Art Group

The Saturday morning Art Group will be meeting on **Saturday 27th August from 10.00am to 1.00pm** in the Village Hall.

Future Dates

24th September - to be held in the Church

22nd October

26th November

28th January 2012

25th February

31st March

28th April

26th May

30th June

28th July

We are a friendly informal group where you can try painting as well as having a chat over a cup of tea or coffee.

All ages and abilities are very welcome. Please contact Lynda Ward on 834479 for more information or just turn up – art material is supplied.

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Cryptic Quiz Sheet No. 19

will be available at £1 each from Saturday 10th September on a sports theme . All monies raised will go to the Parkinson's Society.

Quiz Sheets may be bought from :-

Judy Goodall 43 Crafts End Chilton Tel 834503

Audrey Slater 9 Latton Close Chilton Tel 834558

Daphne Boddy Sans Souci Reading Rd Harwell Tel 221047

Shea at the Rose & Crown Chilton

Gurmit at the Post Office on site

The last Cryptic Quiz raised £192 for Christian Aid. Two entries achieved perfect scores - Molly Farmer (Chris Druce's mum) and Deborah Parsons from Didcot Library.

Thank You and Congratulations

Judy Goodall

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Cream Teas

We had a very successful afternoon serving cream teas at All Saints' on Sunday 14th August.

Around 70 people came, and everyone enjoyed homemade scones and cakes.

Donations amounted to £168.09 and this will be sent to ROSY, the Respite for Oxfordshire Sick Youngsters charity.

Thank you to everyone who came along.

Hazel King

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Harvest Tea For Tearfund

This year we are holding a harvest tea and auction of produce on **Sunday 2nd October** at 4.30pm in Chilton Village Hall. Come along and enjoy afternoon tea. (£3 per person, children free), auction starts at 5.15pm. Hear more about the work of the Tearfund Charity and celebrate God's harvest.

The produce donated at the morning Harvest Festival service will be auctioned and all proceeds will be donated to Tearfund. (There will be no Harvest Lunch on Monday in Chilton.)

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Chilton Directory Additions Little Wonders Childminding

Autumn Tull, Chilton, currently has limited availability for before and after school care.

Tel: 07791 244 126

littlewonderschildminding@hotmail.com

Ofsted Registered/ Trio/ NCMA Insured/

Paediatric First Aid

Autumn Tull

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Little Pippins Pre-school is moving into new purpose built premises in Harwell

Little Pippins Pre-school in Harwell is pleased to announce that we are accepting applications for children to start from September 2011 in our new building. Places are limited and on a first come first served basis. Little Pippins Pre-school offers morning, 9.15-11.45am, and afternoon, 12.30-3pm, sessions as well as Breakfast Club, Lunch club and links with Harwell After School Club. Children can start with a parent/carer from age 2½ and come unaccompanied from the term they turn 3.

Early years grant funding is available for all children from the term after they turn 3 for 6 sessions a week. Fees for non-funded children or additional sessions are £8.50.

Please contact our Supervisor, Sally Begley, on 01235 851921 or 07514 367815, or by email littlepippins@btinternet.com for more information; or visit our website www.littlepippins.org.uk

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Website Reminder www.fixmystreet.com

FixMyStreet is a site to help councillors, residents and all people view, discuss or report local problems that they've found to

their local council by simply locating them on a map.

FixMyStreet is primarily for reporting things which are **broken or dirty or damaged or dumped, and need fixing, cleaning or clearing**, such as: abandoned vehicles, dog fouling, flyposting or graffiti, fly tipping or litter, such as broken glass in a cycle lane, unlit lampposts, and potholes.

The problems are then reported direct to the appropriate local authority for action and Councillor Reg Waite will be kept informed of all incidents arising in the Harwell Ward.

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The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on **Wednesday 7th September 8.00pm.**

Members of the public are invited to attend.

Provisional Agenda

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

Items to be included in the next Chronicle should be sent to the Clerk (preferably by email) by **Wednesday 21st September.**

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

Email: **parishclkchilton@btinternet.com**

Parish Councillors

Mr Richard Beech
Dene Hollow
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Mr. Chris Broad Chairman
14 Latton Close
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Mr Andy Candelent
21 Elderfield Crescent
834921

Mr. Frank Dumbleton
1 Lavender Cottages
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832292

Mr. Brian Morris,
6 Latton Close
834233

Mr. Ian Thompson Vice Chair
22 The Orchids
832385

Mrs Jane Woods
Layton Cottage
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Please contact our County or District
Councillors if you have any problems.

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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 and then
contact Keith Woods, Layton Cottage,
Main Street for details. 831750

Mislaid Your Chronicle?

You can find it on the Village Hall website:
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.