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Cream Teas

Did you miss out on a cream tea on the 10th August? If so, the Church will be serving cream teas again on **Sunday 24th August** between 2.30pm and 5.00pm. with donations going towards Helen and Douglas House

If you have already enjoyed a cream tea at All Saints Church on 10th August, a huge thank you for your donations towards Helen & Douglas House. At the time of going to press we know that attendees generously donated £150.30 – and we are waiting to know what the amount will be on the 24th August. We will let you know the total in the next issue – but in the meantime – THANK YOU!



Autumn Ball – Saturday 4th October

The Chilton Village Autumn Ball will be on Saturday 4th October at Chilton Village Hall from 7.30pm – 1am

The evening will consist of a drinks reception, 2 course dinner in the marquee, and live band and disco.

This year as it is the Village Hall's 25th year, this will be another event that the Village Hall Social Fund will be helping to subsidise, therefore we can offer a reduction in ticket price if tickets are bought early. It also means that our very generous and much appreciated donors to our usual raffle and auction will not be pestered this year. We are not intending making this a charity focused event, as it is in celebration of the 25 years that the Village Hall has been at the heart of the village.

Tickets are on sale now and are available from:

Lianne Vickers:

Tel: 01235 861545

Email: lianne.vickers@btinternet.com

Sue Stainer:

Tel: 01235 820167

Marcia Oliver (Pearce)

Tel: 07861 658880

Tickets bought before the 13th September are £32.50 per person After that time £35.00 per person

Strictly limited availability so please buy early to avoid disappointment.



Family Barn Dance

Thank you to everyone who came to the Village Hall's Family Barn Dance back in June. We had almost 100 people enjoying the delights of the Mad Hatters band, with everyone getting involved and giving the barn dancing a go. It was great to see so many families taking part, and ages ranged from 2 years old to significantly more than that!!! Thank you to everyone who attended, we hope we can add this as an event in the future to the Village Hall's social calendar.

Thanks to all who helped with the setting up (and clearing up) it was greatly appreciated.

From the Village Hall Management Committee



RSPCA Rehoming Unit, Willow Farm, Chilton

Our unit caring for cats and rabbits is now up and running, and we are already full up with animals brought in by our Inspectors.

We now have many animals looking for a new start in life, and so would ask anyone who is interested in adopting a new pet to get in touch on **01235 821536**. We need to find homes for them as soon as possible, so that we can carry on taking in more who need our help.

We are holding an **OPEN DAY** on **SUNDAY 21ST SEPTEMBER** between 12 – 4pm. It will be an opportunity for everyone to see the animals, speak to the Inspectors and staff, and see how it all works. There will also be an exhibition of art by Ann Edwards,

various other interesting stalls, and refreshments.

We are always looking for volunteers who would be interested in doing some publicity, home visiting or fundraising for us. If you have a few hours to spare and lots of enthusiasm, we need you!!

Also, if you have anything suitable for our charity shop to sell, we are happy to collect.

Please use the number above to contact us, and you will be warmly welcomed.

Ingrid Smith, RSPCA Oxfordshire Branch.



Book Club

This is a friendly informal group which meets the last Thursday of the month, if you would like to join please contact Sue Wharton on 01235-832335 for more information.

Sue Wharton



Chilton W.I.

The next meeting of Chilton W.I. will be on **Thursday 18th September** at 7.45pm. the talk will be "Real Reindeer" by Ms Angela Radford. Please make sure you have a coat or something warm to wear as the first part of the talk will start in the car park with the reindeer.

New members and visitors are always very welcome.

For more information please contact Gwen Pearce on 831930



Nearly New Sale

Chilton Toddler Group are holding a Nearly New Sale of baby and toddler clothes, toys, books and equipment on Saturday 27th September, 10 am - 12noon at Chilton Village Hall. Fantastic bargains to be had. Refreshments available. Entry by donation - all money raised for purchasing new equipment. For further information, please contact Rachel Watson on 01235 834505.



Chilton Primary School School News August 2008

The last school year has been a very successful one with pupil numbers on roll going over the 200 mark for the first time in the school's history. The children have had a very exciting year with plenty of opportunities for going out on trips. Daytime curriculum trips have included visits to Steventon bakery, Northmoor Trust, Sutton Courtenay Study Centre and the Reading Museum. Our Year 5/6 children went on a PGL adventure residential trip in March and enjoyed the challenge of abseiling and zip wiring. For the first time this year, our Y3/4 children also went on a residential trip. This was a 3 day visit to Hooke Court in Dorset, where they were involved in a Roman experience. This was a fantastic opportunity to work with tutors who made history live and the children came back having been roman soldiers, experienced roman cooking and made jewellery and mosaics.

We have also had several exciting events in school. For the first time this year, each class made a guy and Mr Dodd was in charge of the grand evening bonfire when the guys were ceremonially burnt. We also nearly saw the Queen when she came to open Diamond. Although we missed waving our union jacks as her timetable changed unexpectedly, the Red Devils certainly made up for it. The school really enjoyed their display and felt very privileged to have the Red Devils come back to school for tea and the Deputy Lord Lieutenant cut the celebration cake with his sword.

On the sporting front- we were thrilled to win the Didcot Partnership Football tournament and also to get to the final of the Vale League. We have had quite exceptional talent in our football team this year. Our badminton players have also taken part in external tournaments and achieved well.

We have been pleased to work closely with our local community this year, especially Chilton Waste who have supplied us with recycled material in order to build a new garden area for our F1 children. Mr Richardson was also kind enough to come and perform our opening ceremony for us. We are also pleased at the outcome of our Safer Ways to School project. As a result of producing a School Travel Plan, we were able to work with the Parish Council and make a variety of improvements to the route

to school for children and parents. Hopefully this will encourage people to consider walking and biking rather than bringing cars to school.

We have been developing our extended schools activities and while we already run a very oversubscribed after school club, we applied for a Surestart grant and started a Breakfast Club in September 07. We also run holiday clubs during each school holiday. The uptake for both of these new ventures has been very encouraging.

With the help of extended schools funding, we have also remodelled our school website. It is now completely up to date and a very exciting way of finding what the school is up to. The address is www.Chilton.oxon.sch.uk if you haven't found it yet.

We have been successful with several external awards this year. An LEA Audit to Action commended the school as being outstanding in our approach to Special Educational Needs. We were also runners up in the county wide Trading Standards competition for school dinners, for the second time. This year saw the successful second review of our Green Flag Award, which ensures that we continue to focus on eco developments in school.

We were very proud of our Key stage 2 SATs results this year, which proved that we have very industrious and able children going through our school, as well as an excellent teaching staff. In Maths, English and Science, all the children who took the tests gained their Level 4s. The achievement of our more able children was quite outstanding in all subjects, but particularly in Science with 78% of them gaining Level 5. With our distinctly scientific surroundings at Chilton, it is good to see that the extra scientific opportunities which we offer the children are beneficial.

And finally, this year has seen the introduction of our own school newspaper. This is produced by an editorial team consisting of pupils and led by one of our parents. It is full of school activities, competitions, and children's articles and stories. If you would like one- they are available from the school office at 50p, or old editions can be seen on our school website. They are a great way of finding out what goes on at school from the children's

point of view- and they are the important ones.

Christine Dunsdon



Chilton Primary School

Chilton Primary School is looking for a Clerk for the Governing Body. This has usually been done by a volunteer with an interest in the school and a little bit of time to spend on it. The main duties are to take and distribute Minutes of the Governing Body Meetings (4 evening meetings a year) and to act as a communication channel (usually e-mail) between the Local Education Authority and the Governors. Training can be provided.

For more information please contact the Chair of Governors, John Rae, on 01235821895, or john@jir.org.uk or the Head Teacher or any other Governor.

John Rae



Chilton Bellingringing in August/September

We were very pleased to see so many visitors to our 'Open Tower' afternoon on 10th August, held to accompany the cream teas held in the Church with donations going to Helen & Douglas House.

There is to be another one in the afternoon of 24th August, between 2.30 and 5pm when you have a chance to climb up to see the clock, look through the trapdoor to the belfry and try moving the clapper of a bell to feel how heavy it is. We also hope to be able to allow a little chiming of the smallest bell by those who want to try pulling a rope for themselves. The book of photographs of the bell restoration of 2001 will be on show and we will demonstrate an interactive computer program 'Bells and Bell ringing'.

If you miss both afternoons and would like a chance to try ringing a bell you will be welcome at the beginning of our Thursday evening practices, 7.30pm. Better check with the tower captain by telephone to make sure we will be practising in Chilton that evening. Due to the holidays we have not held regular practices in Chilton during July

and August.

We hope to resume Chilton joint evening practices with Harwell in September These will be on Thursday 4, 11 and 25th September at 7.30. Contact Alec Samler for details Tel: (01235) 834589

If you would like an interesting day out where you will be able to see lots of bells and ringers you might consider going up the M40 to the 'Ringing Road Show', being held at the Exhibition Centre in Stoneleigh, Warwickshire on Friday 5th September 10.00 to 18.00 and Saturday 6th September 9.30 to 17.00.

Full details at the website www.ringingroadshow2008.org.uk or telephone the hotline on 07504 070030. For further information look at our website: <http://fortran.orpheusweb.co.uk/Bells/chbell.htm> or phone Alec Samler: 01235 834589 KateCrennell Chilton Tower Secretary tel: 01235) 834357



Thank you Cubs

Thank you very much to the Cubs and their Leaders for doing a litter pick round the Village in July.

It was greatly appreciated.



Parish Council Notices Hurrah – 40 mph Speed Limit

The 40mph speed limit that we were promised at the Annual Parish Meeting in 2006 has now been implemented. The new speed limit starts on Hagbourne Hill, just after the entrance to CYO and continues to the end of North Drive, Harwell. It also means that the speed limit on Lower Road from the roundabout to The Paddock is 40 mph. The Police have said that they will be making periodic speed limit checks.



Horse chestnut leaf miner - Cameraria ohridella

Have you noticed that the leaves of many of the horse chestnut trees in the Village are

looking very brown. This is due to a moth – the leaf miner.

Experience from Europe indicates that once established, the moth will cause severe damage to the foliage of horse chestnut on an annual basis, and defoliation before normal leaf-fall in the autumn. The larvae mine within the leaves and at high population densities they can destroy most of the leaf tissues.

If you have a horse chestnut, or value one planted in your neighbourhood damage can be reduced by removing fallen leaves during the autumn and winter and either composting them thoroughly, to destroy the over-wintering pupae, or if the leaves are collected into smaller heaps, by covering them with a layer of soil or other plant material to prevent adult emergence in the following spring or by burning the leaves.

For more information go to the Forestry Commission website <http://www.forestry.gov.uk/fr/NFD-68JJRC>



Weeds and Hedges

Continuing on an outdoor theme, it would be a great help if householders could help to keep the Village looking tidy by making sure that hedges, shrubs, trees etc do not overhang pavements. Please will householders cut back any vegetation that is overhanging the pavements. It makes it very difficult and at times dangerous for people to walk along the footways if they are continually having to avoid overhanging greenery.

At the same time it would also be a help if those who are able to removed the weeds that sprout up in the kerbs in front of their houses.

Thank you



Noise

The Council has received a complaint about noise and music, please can people be considerate. This is particularly important during the summer when doors and windows are open.



X32

Hopefully people are continuing to use this excellent bus service. From the 11th August to 21st October, there are road works in St Aldates. This means that the X32 will start and finish from stop I outside Hobbs in the High Street. The inward journey will be via Donnington Bridge Road and Iffley Road. The outward route from Oxford will be via Abingdon Road. The buses will NOT stop at H5. After leaving the High Street, the next stop will be outside the Police Station in St Aldates.



Found

An iPod was found in the playing field. It's got a black front and silver back, and is a new 80GB iPod. Please contact Adrian Maughan on 820989 if you think it might be yours.

Monday 4th August two baseball mitts were found lying by the swings. The PCSO who found them booked them into Wantage Police Station as found property and left them in the drying room as they were damp. If you think they are yours please contact Wantage Police Station.



Planning

Recent applications considered by the Parish Council

Retrospective application for erection of a sign on front of house. Chilton House CHI/5465/23-LB

Retrospective application for conversion of existing side extension into new dwelling and sub division of plot. Dormer window and velux windows to roof space to create one bedroom. 5a The Orchids CHI.17313/3

Application for the conversion of existing garage into habitable room and erection of rear conservatory. 2 Limetrees CHI/19889/1



Have you Time to Spare to Meet Someone New and Help them?

Our scheme to train and place volunteers is gathering speed, and we already have a terrific team in the field. But here at the South & Vale Carers Centre in Didcot we would like to recruit more: would you be interested in helping out someone caring for a relative in their own home? You would be introduced to a household where the carer and the cared-for person are living, and asked to stay in the home while the carer took some time off: perhaps an hour a month, perhaps an afternoon a week.

This would all start off with an interview for you, and references sought, and then a short training course to equip you for any situation and send you free from anxiety into your future as a volunteer! We will take care in matching volunteers and cared-for people, and you would have constant support by phone when you need it as well as ongoing face-to-face meetings with colleagues and with Chris Elliott, the co-ordinator of the scheme.

Chris is waiting to hear from anyone interested, and has much more information to give. Please email her at the Carers Centre on chris@svcarers.org.uk, or phone her there on 01235 510212. She will be delighted you've called!



The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on **Wednesday 3rd September at 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. VHM Report
12. Play Equipment Inspection
13. Correspondence.

Items to be included in the next Chronicle should be sent to the Clerk (preferably by

email or on a disk) by **Wednesday 24th**
September
Clerk: Liz Morris, 6 Latton Close, 01235
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Do You Want to Book the Village Hall?

If so, please contact Keith Woods, Layton Cottage, Main Street 01235 831750 for details.

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