

DO YOU WANT MORE TRAFFIC HERE ?

We ask because a proposal by Oxfordshire County Council is for a Harwell bypass to end at a new roundabout on Hagbourne Hill road 200 metres from the Townend junction. The proposal shows a road could be constructed to the east of the A34 from the A417 Reading Road to a new roundabout on the Hagbourne Hill road at Chilton.

What would this mean for Chilton?

Much more traffic on the edge of Chilton village as traffic from Didcot and the 5000+ new homes planned at Great Western Park use the new Harwell and Hagbourne bypass route to get to the A34 southbound and Harwell Campus. Exiting the village at Townend, Lower Road and Newbury Road in the morning could take longer at peak times as the flow of traffic will be across all these junctions.

What are the options?

Does it really matter that our roads get busier? Why build a new road when Hagbourne Hill road takes a similar route? Why not build a Rowstock bypass? Why build new roads at all? Why not a new road to the west of the A34 direct to Harwell Campus instead, as suggested by UKAEA in 2005?

If you care, if you have a view, please attend the exhibitions in Harwell, Abingdon, Wantage or Didcot (dates below). Or check the plans at www.oxfordshire.gov.uk search for 'Chilton link' and view the pdf document. Please make your comments known to the Vale of White District Council or tell the Parish Council at the 9th February meeting, your view does matter.



IMPORTANT OPPORTUNITY TO INFLUENCE VALE POLICY

Delivered with this edition of the Chronicle is the Your Vale Your Future pamphlet from the District Council. It refers to an important new document called the Core Strategy. Important not only because the Core Strategy will replace the current Local Plan but also because it will be the reference point for all developments and improvements in our parish and the rest of the Vale for 15 years, from 2011 to 2026.

You will see from the summaries in the pamphlet that quite a lot of new development, both residential and business, is envisaged for Didcot, Wantage and Grove, Abingdon and Faringdon. Our proximity to the west of Didcot as a housing growth area, to the Harwell Science & Innovation Centre and to Milton Park as employment growth centres and to the A34 means that **Chilton** will be affected. Your attention, for instance, is drawn to that part of the Strategy that deals with options for road and access changes in neighbouring

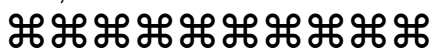
Harwell and in Chilton parish that will be required to cope with the expected growth in local traffic. These options are contentious for both communities.

The Parish Council believes the Core Strategy, by virtue of its long-running nature and its control over how planning issues are interpreted, is going to be a very important influence on how Chilton and our local area develop. We therefore strongly encourage you to take the time to attend one of the exhibitions and workshops being held this month and then to write to the Vale with any concerns or suggestions that you feel have not been addressed. The exhibition and workshop roadshow is in **Harwell Village Hall on 6 February**, with others in **Didcot on 14th and 16th February** (see pamphlet). Please remember that your comments matter, but to count they must be with the Vale by **27th February** to be part of the consultation.

In addition, the Parish Council is also holding a meeting on **Monday 9th February** in the Village Hall to discuss and then decide its responses to the draft Core

Strategy. The first part of the meeting, from **7:30 to 8.00 pm** is open to the members of the public. We would very much like to hear any comments you may have at that meeting, but reiterate that a strong direct response from you to the Vale is more important, as it is the District Council that will decide the form of the final version of the Strategy, and consequently its effect on us all in the future.

Ian Thompson
Chairman, Chilton Parish Council



Crafts End Green

Crafts End Green residents will remember that late in 2007, without warning, the green in Crafts End came up for auction by its present owners the Wates Group (WG). Prompt action by Crafts End residents and by the PC at that time caused WG to remove it from the bidding list immediately prior to the auction in December 2007.

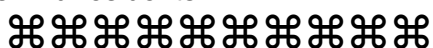
The Parish Council subsequently discussed the issues raised by the proposed sale and recognised that the surest way to attain the residents' objective of securing the Green's continued use as open space for the community was for them to get it officially registered as a Village Green.

There are various ways for residents to go about this process, and in order to decide on the best way forward, a meeting is proposed for **Friday 27th February at 7.15 pm in the Chilton Village Hall.** The

meeting would be open, not only to Crafts End residents but also to anyone else in the village who is interested in the future of the Crafts End Green and other open spaces.

The objectives of the meeting are to gain a consensus on the way forward and if appropriate to set up a small working group to coordinate activities and to decide on the practical way forward.

Matt West and John Downey
Crafts End residents



Council Tax Freeze.

Despite Increased demands on the Parish Council this coming year it has been decided to hold the Parish precept (the funding the Parish receives from the Council Tax) at the same level as last year. This is in a year when the Vale of White Horse District Council will be demanding an additional 4.99% and Oxfordshire County Council is expected to demand an additional

3.8%. As in previous years the two local authorities are expected to be cutting services, some of which the Parish will be expected to maintain from Parish Funding.



Chilton Community Liaison

Meeting

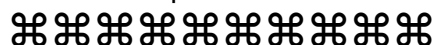
The next meeting is to be held on **Thursday 26th February at 7.45pm** in the Village Hall. The purpose of the meeting is to provide a forum for open discussion of matters of common or mutual interest between owners/occupiers of the Harwell Chilton Campus and the Chilton Parish Community. Members of the community are welcome to attend the meeting and may ask questions regarding any campus presentations made at the meeting. However, any other questions must be pre-submitted by 5th February to allow Campus organisations time to seek answers to questions and possibly invite other appropriate persons to the meeting.

Questions should be submitted to both: Steve Moss UKAEA at:

steve.moss@ukaea.org.uk

and Ian Thompson at:

ian@motoristshop.wanadoo.co.uk



Police Surgery

The next Police Surgery will be held in the committee room at Chilton Village Hall on the 24th February 19.00-20.00 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 in his capacity as a PCSO to deal with.



Chilton Village Big Brew

As part of Fairtrade Fortnight, we will be holding a **Chilton Village Big Brew.**

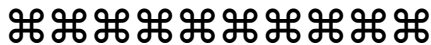
This will take place on **Sunday 1st March from 10.30am to 12.00** in Chilton Village Hall.

Please come along for a **FREE** cup of tea or coffee and biscuit.

It is an opportunity for you to try the Fairtrade products whilst spending some time relaxing and chatting to your friends from the village and surrounds.

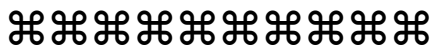
Please make a note in your diary to come along to this community event. It was a

great success last year – let's make it even busier this year!
All Saints' Church



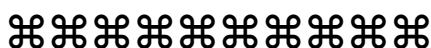
Theatre in Chilton

The OTTC will be back again with yet another brilliant performance on **Friday 13th March at 7.30pm**. The play has been specially written for them and is called "River's Up". It is a funny, tragic and poignant love story. Tickets will be on sale soon from Chris Druce , 834285 and Ann Shaw 833649. Prices £7.50, concessions £6.50, refreshments included. The play is more suitable for adults and young people over 14.
Chilton VHMIC.



Chilton Bellringing in February

Practices in Chilton this month are on Thursday evenings the 12th and 28 February, between 7.30 and 9pm. We welcome visitors who would just like to watch to see how it is done, but phone first to confirm the dates. Contact Alec Samler for details Tel: (01235) 834589 For further information, including the history of the tower, bell restoration and records of peals and quarter peals rung here please look at our website:
<http://fortran.orpheusweb.co.uk/Bells/chbell.htm>
Kate Crennell Chilton Tower Secretary tel: 01235 834357

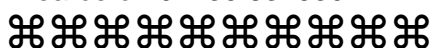


Chilton W.I.

The next meeting of Chilton W.I will be on **Thursday 19th February at 7.45pm** in the Village Hall. The talk will be "Swimming with Sharks" by Mr Neil Stewart. The competition is to find out one unusual fact about sharks.

The Coffee Morning and Bring and Buy Sale on Nov 23rd raised an amazing £400 for the new Haematology Unit at the Churchill Hospital, this included £148 from the cryptic quiz sheets. Thank you very much to all who supported the event.

We always welcome visitors and new members, if you would like to find out more about this friendly group please contact Gwen Pearce on 01235 831930.

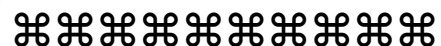


Charity Quiz Evening

The Wives' Group are holding their Annual Charity Quiz Night on **Saturday March 14th** in the Village Hall. We are supporting two Charities this year, the Thames Valley Air Ambulance and the Fistula Hospital in Addis Ababa. Tickets are priced at £7 as last year and this includes a hot supper and a pudding. They are available from:
Judy Goodall , 43 Crafts End Tel 834503
Audrey Slater , 9 Latton Close Tel 834558
Gwen Pearce , 8 Manor Close Tel 831930
The Hall will be open from 7:15pm for a prompt 7:30 start. Teams consist of up to 6 player. Please bring your own drink and glasses. Please also let us know if you have any special dietary requirements so that we may try to cater for them. It promises to be a really good evening.

The next Cryptic Quiz sheet will be out on Feb 10th. Sheets are priced at £1 and are available from the above, from Karen and Phil at the Rose and Crown and from the Post Office on Site. All proceeds will be divided between the Thames Valley Air Ambulance and the Fistula Hospital.

Thank you very much
Judy Goodall



Christmas Cryptic Quiz

Many thanks to everyone who bought quiz sheets. We raised the incredible sum of £233 for Helen and Douglas House. Our congratulations go to the winner Miss J Oakey from Chatteris in Cambridgeshire with a brilliant 49.5 out of 50. Joint second with a score of 49 were Halina O'Regan of South Row and Molly Farmer (Chris Druce's Mum).

This money goes towards Annabel Hoadley's sponsorship money for running in this year's London Marathon in April in aid of Helen and Douglas House.



Advance Notice From Chilton

Wives' Group - Grand Plant Sale and Coffee Morning

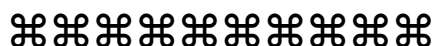
This sale, for CHRISTIAN AID, will take place on Saturday May 16th in the Village Hall from 10 am until 12 noon. If you are able to grow a few plants for us to sell we would be delighted. We also have a book stall and would be grateful for books of any size or description. Please phone if you

would like them to be collected, but if you are able to bring them to the Hall early that morning, it would be greatly appreciated. Contact Judy Goodall, 43 Crafts End Tel 834503 .



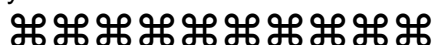
Wanted

A cleaner is wanted for Chilton House. If you are interested please contact Sheila Stevens on 01235 831156, 07949 020970 or just call into Chilton House.



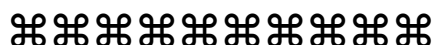
Chilton Toddler Group

A Volunteer is needed to help serve teas and coffees at Chilton Toddler Group. Tuesdays 12.45pm - 2.45pm and Fridays 9.30am-11.30am in Chilton Village Hall during term time. This busy toddler group is run by a group of friendly local mums but due to its growing popularity we need some help serving the refreshments. If you would be interested in helping please call Emma Coghill on 820260 or Suzie Tilbury on 861191 for further information.



Advance Notice

The 10th Anniversary Abingdon Air & Country Show will be taking place at Abingdon Airfield, Dalton Barracks, Abingdon on Sunday May 3rd. This annual event will be raising funds for the Thames Valley & Chiltern Air Ambulance. More details in the next Chronicle.



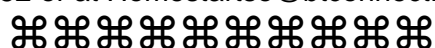
Home-Start Southern Oxfordshire

“Without Home-Start’s help, I wouldn’t have got through what was a very tough time. Thank you so much to each and everyone of you for everything.”

Home-Start Southern Oxfordshire is a voluntary home-visiting scheme, which offers friendship, support and a practical approach to families with children under the age of five.

If you think you would like to be a Home-Start volunteer offering your help to young families in your area, we would be delighted to hear from you. We are starting a Volunteers’ Preparation Course in the near future. If you would like any further

information about the course or Home-Start, please contact Hilary Mundy on 01235 511152 or at Homestartso@btconnect.com



The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on **Wednesday 18th February 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. Your Vale - Your Future Report
12. Report of Meetings Attended
13. VHMC Report
14. Play Equipment Inspection
15. Correspondence.

Items to be included in the next Chronicle should be sent to the Clerk (preferably by email or on a disk) by **Wednesday 11th March**

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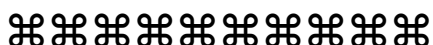
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Do You Want to Book the Village Hall?

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

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You can find it on the Village Hall website:
www.chiltonvillagehall.co.uk



New Village Hall Rental Rates

New rates of hire will come into operation on 1st April 2009. The new rates, which have been approved by Chilton Parish Council, incorporate a small rise, kept to the minimum needed to cover higher running costs, including substantial increases in electricity charges.

Rates per hour from 1/04/2009:

User	Main Hall	Meeting Room	Both
Regular village hirers	£ 7.50	£5.00	£ 12.50
Casual village hirers	£ 9.50	£6.00	£ 15.50
Regular non-village hirers	£12.00	£7.00	£ 19.00
Casual non-village hirers	£14.50	£7.00	£ 21.50
Daily rate non-commercial			£100.00
Commercial hirers (negotiable):	£14.50	£7.00	£ 21.50

Chilton Village Hall Management Committee.