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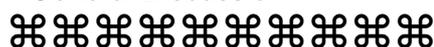
ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on **Wednesday 22nd April at 7.30pm** in the Village Hall. All electors of Chilton are entitled to attend. Do come along to make a comment, ask a question or to just listen.



AGENDA

1. Apologies for Absence
2. Chairman's Report
3. Resumé of last APM
4. Matters Arising
5. Comments on Items in the Chronicle
6. Area Beat Officer's Report
7. Chilton School Report
8. County Council Report
9. District Council Report
10. Scout Troop Report
11. Appointment of 2 Independent Representatives to VHMC
12. VHMC Report
13. Playbuilder Grant Application Report
14. General Discussion



Chairman's Report

Another year passes and the Annual Parish meeting is upon us again. This is your opportunity to come and hear what is happening in Chilton from our Councils (Parish, District and County), our School and Police. It is also a chance for you to question everyone and have your say, so please come along and tell us what you think of Chilton, good or bad, and how we can make it better.

As we have recently seen from the Vale of White Horse's Core Strategy plan, Chilton faces a future of change, some for the better, others may be more of a challenge. The proposed 275 new houses on the Chilton Field site behind the School still seem as far off as ever, but will I am sure eventually be built. The new joint venture at Harwell campus between Goodman International and UKAEA will lead to the

construction of new Science Projects both big and small bringing new jobs and opportunity. New houses planned in Didcot and Harwell will probably bring more traffic close to our village and possibly new roads. Much is uncertain but we can be sure the area around us will change forever. Fortunately the village is partly isolated as we have no major through road and building within the village, though inevitable, will be small. Chilton has seen change on a huge scale in the past, from a village of 50 or so houses and farms before 1960 to 300+ today, Harwell Campus growing from a wartime airfield to one of the nation's leading science facilities and the building of the A34 dual carriageway. All this demonstrates that major change is nothing new to Chilton and although things change Chilton, as the small happy community it is, stays much the same.

It was great in February to see so many people, young and old enjoying the snow on the recreation ground, sledging, making snowmen and igloos. It's rare to see the field so well used and it is with this in mind that we plan a sports weekend in July to get everyone out enjoying activities in the village hall and field - serious competitive sport for some and gentler activities for the less energetic. If you participate in a sport that you can easily demonstrate and allow others to safely 'have a go' at, please let us know as we want to turn this idea into a packed social weekend with us all trying new sports and competing in some more familiar ones. Let us hope the British weather is kind to us and the sun shines because I'm not quite sure how we can organise a family bike ride in the village hall!

Ian Thompson
Chairman
1.04.09

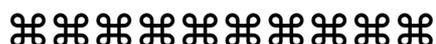


Chilton Directory

Several years ago a very useful Chilton Directory of skills, works, crafts etc was compiled and published as a supplement to the Chronicle. The Parish Council now

wishes to re-introduce it and anyone who would like to have their name included in the Directory please let the Clerk know as soon as possible either by email parishclerkchilton@btinternet.com or dropping a note through the door, at 6 Latton Close. There will also be a sign up sheet of paper at the APM on 22nd April.

Thank you
Liz Morris



VHMC Vacancies

The Chilton Village Hall Management Committee is a group of volunteers who run our attractive and well-equipped Hall and Meeting Room on behalf of the village. The Hall is used by organisations that represent almost all ages and aspects of our village community: Art Club, Beavers/Cubs/Scouts, Bowls Club, Caledonian Dance Club, Evergreens, Age Concern Lunch Club, Church, Toddler Group and Women's Institute. Villagers and others also hire the Hall for children's birthday parties and various social and business functions.

The Hall is thus a key focal point for Chilton but a busy facility like this does not run all by itself. The Committee has vacancies for more volunteers to help us run this vital facility. We especially encourage you to consider helping if you are a member of one of the above organisations, several of whom are not represented on the Committee, but this is not vital. Volunteering need not be an onerous commitment, as our committee members fit in work mostly between our regular meetings every 6 weeks. If you would like to help us please contact me on 01235 821179 or e-mail msandc@clara.net. You would be very welcome

Maura Launchbury
Secretary, Village Hall Management Committee



Chilton WI Annual Report

Chilton WI have had a very successful year. In fact we have recruited six new members including one from West Hagbourne over the past 12 months and have entered the Oxfordshire Federation membership challenge with a chance of winning £100!

Over the past year we have enjoyed a wide variety of speakers. One of the most outstanding was Julia Freeman who in April

gave a fascinating account of her life as a Wimbledon umpire, bringing along her Ralph Lauren uniform for members to inspect. Our September meeting was unique as it began outside with members observing live reindeers brought along by our speaker, Angela Radford who gave us the low down on these fascinating and beautiful creatures. We have also enjoyed talks of local interest on the rivers and canals of Oxfordshire and also Bob Cherry's account of walking the Ridgeway long distance path

In April we held our annual Spring Sale which raised £390. Also in April a large group of us enjoyed a day at Denman, sampling some of the courses on offer including a cookery demonstration with members testing their culinary skills, and an interesting talk on the Ashmolean museum complemented by an excellent lunch. In December some of us enjoyed the 'Nutcracker' ballet at the new Cornerstone Arts Centre in Didcot and we hope to arrange more visits there in the coming year.

We are involved with village life wherever possible, and in May we took part in Chilton's Open Day promoting the WI as a excellent institution! We continue to maintain the village flower beds and in the summer we lent our support to the campaign to save the village bus service which has had a successful outcome - the WI is a force to be reckoned with! We continue to support the Oxford-based children's bereavement charity See-Saw and also supported the Christian Aid Plant Sale on 17th May by making cakes and donating other items for sale. Some of my fellow WI members sponsored me for the Christian Aid Walk in October which raised £50. Our Bring & Buy Coffee Morning on 23rd November raised £400 for the new Cancer Centre at the Churchill Hospital. The village book club, started by one of our members is still thriving

We have a varied programme of speakers for the coming year and amongst other things we are hoping to arrange a pub outing. The WI is an excellent way to make new friends and maintain contact with old ones!

Dorothy Woodhouse
Secretary March 2009



Bellringing Report for 2008

We have tried to ring our village church bells for the Sunday service in All Saints' church every week during this past year. You may have noticed that some weeks we ring fewer than 6 bells. This is because some of the ringers are sick or perhaps have gone on holiday. If we had more members, we could ring for every service. Visitors are always welcome to the tower to see how we ring at 7.30pm on our practice evenings, the 2nd and 4th Thursday each month. Telephone the tower captain, Alec Samler, on (01235) 834589 to check that we will be ringing on the evening you wish to come.

Anyone tall enough to reach the bell ropes can try pulling on a rope. There is no upper age limit; you just need to be able to climb 12 steps up to the ringing chamber and to raise your arms above your head.

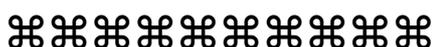
The Chilton PCC allows us to welcome visitors once a month at times which are advertised in the Chilton Chronicle. We can also have one peal a year. This takes about 3 hours to ring, other visitors ring for a shorter time.

We have held several 'Open Tower' afternoons to demonstrate how the bells are rung. These were usually on the days when cream teas were served in the church to raise funds for Helen and Douglas House.

We also ring the bells on other occasions. We rang for 3 weddings in the past year and already have one booked for 2010. We can also ring the bells for other special church functions on request. An old custom at funerals was to toll the tenor bell once for each year of the life of the deceased, but few people ask for this now.

Our bells were restored for the millennium; we rang in the New Year at midnight on 31st December 2000. Why not come along to start learning to ring and help us welcome in the New Year 2010 to celebrate 10 years of our restored bells?

Further details are available on our website: <http://fortran.orpheusweb.co.uk/Bells/>
Kate Crennell
Honorary Secretary Chilton Tower. Tel: 01235 834357



Managing Diabetes

Woodlands Medical Centre, Didcot, and its Patients' Group have arranged a talk by Professor David Matthews, Churchill Hospital, Oxford, on 'Managing Diabetes'. It is aimed at helping patients and carers to manage diabetes and will cover:

- What is diabetes?
- How does it affect you?
- Keeping control
- How to manage diabetes when you are ill
- Healthy eating

The talk will be on Monday 20th April 2009 at 7pm in the 'CORNERSTONE' Arts Centre Didcot.

There is no charge for this open meeting but places may be limited. Please book places by ringing or leaving a message with your name and telephone number on 01235 750524.



Charity Quiz Night

Chilton Wives' Group would like to thank everyone who supported the Quiz Evening. We raised the great total of £1153.40 to be divided between the two charities Hamlin Fistula UK and Thames Valley and Chiltern Air Ambulance Trust.

The winner of the Cryptic Quiz on Islands of the Northern Hemisphere was Mr John Maskrey of Wallingford with the brilliant score of 48 out of 50.

Thank you again
Judy Goodall



Wives' Group Meeting

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 14th April at 7:45 pm in the Church. The speaker will be Kate Thomson talking about Sir Michael Sobell House. There will be a Bring and Buy sale in aid of Sobell House. Visitors are welcome to this meeting and we would be delighted if you could join us.

For further details please contact Judy Goodall, 43 Crafts End - Tel 834503

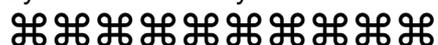


Harwell Fun Club

Harwell Fun Club is happy to announce the date of its Spring **Baby and Toddler Nearly New Sale**, Saturday 9th May 2009, Harwell Village Hall, 10am - 12 noon.

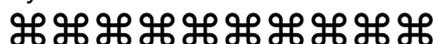
Toys, equipment, clothes, books plus lots, lots more.

Entry by donation. See you there.



Police Surgery

The next Police surgery will be held in the Meeting Room at Chilton Village Hall on **Friday 15th May at 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 within his capacity as a PCSO to deal with.



Grand Plant Sale And Coffee

Morning

Chilton Wives' Group is holding their annual **Grand Plant Sale and Coffee Morning** for Christian Aid on **Saturday 16th May between 10am and 12 noon** in Chilton Village Hall. This is a great opportunity to buy bedding plants, vegetable plants, shrubs and herbs. There will be a well-stocked Book Stall and a Cake and Home Produce Stall. Coffee and Tea with home-baked biscuits are also available.

We would be delighted to receive any offers of plants, books or cakes and we hope that you can join us to stock up your gardens, browse over books or chat over a cup of coffee.

Further details or offers of items for sale to Judy Goodall, 43 Crafts End - Tel 834503 Cryptic Quiz Sheets on the topic of Puddings and Desserts will be available around Easter priced at £1 each from Judy as above or from

Gwen Pearce, 8 Manor Close 831930

Audrey Slater, 9 Latton Close 834558

Karen and Phil at the Rose and Crown Post Office on Site

All proceeds go to Christian Aid

Judy Goodall



Advance Notice

The 10th Anniversary Abingdon Air & Country Show will be taking place at Abingdon Airfield, Dalton Barracks, Abingdon on **Sunday May 3rd** and the tickets have gone on sale.

Air displays already confirmed include the Dukes of Cassutt air racing team, a newly restored Hawker Hurricane and a T-28 Fennec. Other air displays will be announced over the coming weeks. There

will also be static aircraft, an aircraft fly-in and pleasure flights.

On the ground, new attractions this year include a farmers' market and live musical performances by Fiona Harrison, who will be performing a medley of 1940s numbers. Other highlights include an RBS Williams Formula 1 Grand Prix Show Car, classic cars, a mobile farm, vintage military vehicles, Doctor Who Daleks, tank rides, arena events, trade stalls and a craft fair. For more information please visit www.abingdonfayre.com.

Colin Smith (Village Postman)



The next meeting of the Parish Council Meeting will be on **13th May**. Items to be included in the next Chronicle should be sent to the Clerk (preferably by email or on a disk) by **Wednesday 15th April**.

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22 The Orchids

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

Attached to the Chronicle are the Annual Accounts

Results of Survey on Chilton Play Ground

Many thanks to those who responded to the survey which was circulated in December 2008. 9% of the households replied to the questionnaire, the results of which are summarised in the following paragraphs and figures:

- The response to the questions “How do you find the playground at Chilton?” and “How do you grade the playground facilities for the children of various age groups?” is graphically presented in **Charts 1 & 2**. The results clearly suggest that there is a need for upgrading the existing facilities and that this upgrading needs to be concentrated for the lower (0-3 years old) and higher (9+ years old) age groups

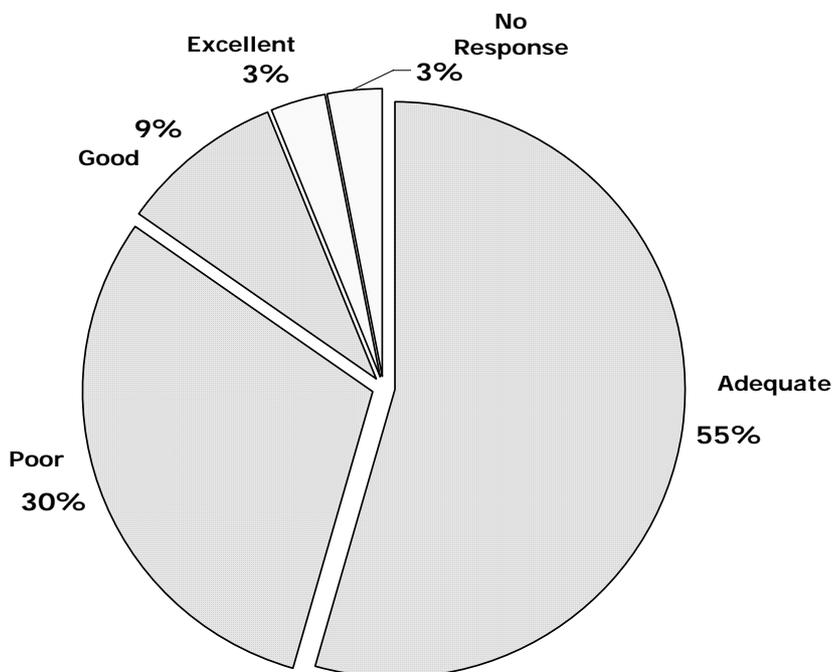


Chart 1

Grading of Chilton Playground for Different Age Groups

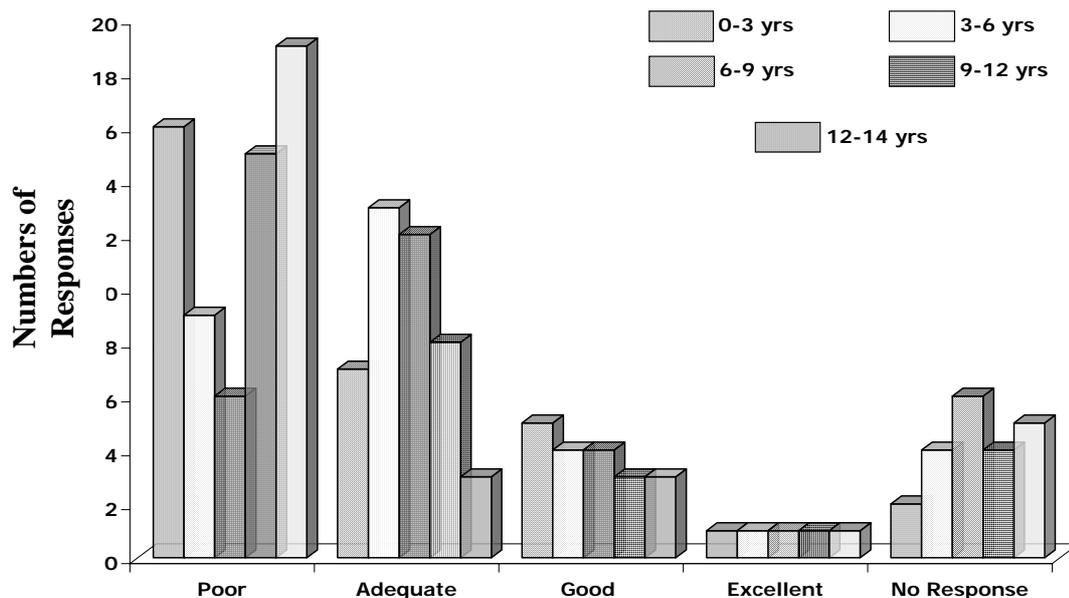


Chart 2

- As a result of this survey on behalf of the Parish Council a grant application has been submitted to Oxfordshire County Council under the *Play Builder Scheme*. The outcome of this application will be circulated in the next Chilton Chronicle.
- I am grateful to the Chilton Primary School Head Teacher Mrs Dunsdon, her colleagues and the years 4-6 students for providing invaluable ideas and sketches on “*the changes they would like to make to the Play Ground at Chilton*”. Their support has been instrumental in submitting the grant application.
- It is hoped that a sub-committee named “*Play Space Management Committee*” will be in charge of planning and implementing any ideas that are brought forward by the children. This sub-committee will consist of the parents who communicated their interest at being actively involved in the management of this scheme and they will be contacted directly in due course.
- Finally, on behalf of my colleagues, I would like to thank everyone who responded to the questionnaire and am grateful to those individuals with never-ending enthusiasm and drive.

If further information regarding the outcome of the questionnaire is required, please contact Afsie Swannell on 834317.

*Afsie Swannell
Colmar*

CHILTON PARISH COUNCIL STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS 2008/09

<u>Income</u>		<u>Expenditure</u>	
Precept	12849	Admin	409
Land Rent	536	Allotments	375
Bank Interest	467	Audit Fee	196
Wayleave	29	Chronicle	611
VAT Refund	849	Churchyard	783
Allotments	83	Clerk	3300
Book Sales	90	Donations & Subscriptions	572
Litter Clearing Grant	125	Gen. Maintenance	264
Youth Club Donation	576	Grass Cutting & Footpaths	1646
		Insurance	1862
		Litter Clearing	530
		Play Equipment Maint.	810
		Crafts End Gr Valuation	623
	<u>15604</u>		<u>11981</u>
Balance b/f from 07/08	21902	Balance c/f to 09/10	25525
	<u>37506</u>		<u>37506</u>

CHILTON PUBLIC PURPOSES CHARITY 2008/09

<u>Income</u>		<u>Expenditure</u>	
Dividends	341	Nil	
Bank Interest	145		
Land Rent	85		
Balance b/f from 2007/08	8111	Balance c/f to 2009/10	<u>8682</u>
	<u>8682</u>		

The Accounts have not yet been audited and any significant differences will be reported at a later date.