

# THE CHILTON CHRONICLE

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Unfortunately this Chronicle has to start with requests for people to act more responsibly.

## Dog Fouling

It is rather a pity that a few irresponsible dog owners spoil it for all the other responsible owners. The Parish Council continues to get complaints from irate Villagers about dog fouling. The whole Village is affected but most complaints come from the areas around Townsend, Chilton House, the built up area of Dene Hollow and the play area at Hill Piece. The Council has even received a complaint that bags of dog faeces are being tied up and left on the roadside at the entrance to Limetrees waiting for someone else to clear it up!!!

The Vale of White Horse District Council website has the following on Dog Fouling  
*Dog mess is not only unpleasant but it spreads diseases which can cause illness and even blindness. Under the Dogs (Fouling of Land) Act 1996 a person who is in charge of a dog must clean up after it when it fouls any footpath, highway, verge or other open space to which the public have access. **It is a crime to allow your dog to foul in any public area without cleaning it up. By doing so you could face a fixed penalty notice of £50 or prosecution.***

The website also says

***If you see another dog owner committing this offence please keep a record of anything that can identify them and contact the Vale of White Horse District Council's Environment Warden on 01235 520202.***

Let's hope that this will encourage dog owners to act more responsibly. Didcot Civic Hall have FREE dog poop bags if you don't have any plastic bags.



## Noise

Now that Summer is here most people wish to make the most of being able to get out into the garden; so can householders be aware that the sound from radios, t.v.'s, music etc can travel a long way. Please keep the volume to a reasonable level so that everyone enjoys their time in their gardens.



## Grass Cuttings

Once again grass cuttings are being dumped over fences into the fields that surround the Village. Please compost them, put them in a brown bin or take them to the tip at Drayton.



## Bogus Callers and House Numbers

The Police have asked that residents should be aware of bogus callers that are around at the moment. Particularly callers that have gravel or spare tarmac to offload. If you didn't request the caller, don't buy from them.

The Emergency Services have also requested that house names or numbers should be visible from the road particularly at night as some times it is hard for the Services to find places.

Thank you.



## Art Classes

Ever thought of giving watercolour painting a try? Well starting **Saturday 25th July** the village hall will be open from **10am - 1pm** for anyone who wants to give it a try - **FREE!** and all art material is supplied.

This will take place one Saturday morning a month for the next four months - 25.07.09; 22.08.09; 26.09.09 & 24.10.09.

It's a chance to try painting in a friendly, informal atmosphere as well as having a chat over a cup of tea or coffee.

So why not pop along and give it a try - who knows you might be the next 'Lowry' to be discovered. For further information please contact Lynda Ward on 834479.



### Police Surgery

The next Police surgery will be held in the Meeting Room at Chilton Village Hall on **Monday 17<sup>th</sup> August from 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.



### Chilton W.I.

The next meeting of the Chilton W.I. will be on September 17<sup>th</sup> at 7.45pm in the Village Hall. The speaker will be Liz Wooley on the History of St. Thomas, Oxford. New members and visitors are always very welcome. For more information please contact Gwen Pearce on 831930



### Chilton Bell Ringing in July 2009

Evening practices on Thursdays are from 7.30 to 9pm. The first half hour is mainly for bell handling for beginners or those who would like to watch to see how it is done, the main practice starts at 8pm. Chilton joint practices are on 9th and 23<sup>rd</sup> July. Contact Alec Samler for details Tel: 01235 834589

Kate Crennell

Chilton Tower Secretary Tel: 01235 834357



### Thames Valley Police Open Day

The Thames Valley Police Open Day will be on **Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> August** from 10.00am to 4.00pm. at their Training Centre at Sulhampstead near Reading. Admission £2.00, under 16s go free.



### Vacant Garage

There is a vacant garage in Elderfield Crescent. If you are interested please contact:

Julie O'Reilly, Area Housing Officer  
The Vale Housing Association, The Old Maltings, Vineyard

Abingdon, Oxon OX14 3UG

T: 01235 536001

E: [joreilly@vale-housing.co.uk](mailto:joreilly@vale-housing.co.uk)



### LEADER Funding Launch

This is EU funding of £2.5 million for local projects over the period 2009-2013 to help support the local economy in the North Wessex Downs Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. The scheme is known as LEADER and Funding is available for capital projects to promote:

- Local food (farmers' markets)
- Adding value to farm and woodland produce
- Diversification (farm shops, fishing lakes, workshops)
- Training (skilled workforce)
- Local businesses and services (eg village shops)
- New ventures for village halls
- Renewable energies
- Woodland management
- Leisure and tourist facilities (walking, riding, cycling, B&B, wildlife, culture, history)
- Conservation and stewardship of local environment

The maximum grant is £50K and the average about £20K. Matching funds are required.



### Erratum

Please note entry in Chilton Directory should read:

MATT COY

CHILTON WINDOW CLEANING & HOME CARE.

Chilton resident carrying out all DIY and home and garden maintenance tasks.

Contact MATT on: 07779339978.

Apologies for incorrect name in previous edition.



The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on **Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> July 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. VHMC Report
12. PlayBuilder Sub- Committee Report
13. Play Equipment Inspection
14. Correspondence.



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

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Items to be included in the next Chronicle should be sent to the Clerk (preferably by email or on a disk) by **Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> August.**

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22 The Orchids  
832385

**Do You Want to Book the Village Hall?**

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