

THE CHILTON CHRONICLE

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Thank You

Many thanks to Chilton W.I. who carried out a litter pick through the Village in July.



Allotments

Unfortunately some of the allotments on Lower Road have had vegetables stolen from them. This was not just a random grab of a few vegetables but a significant amount of produce taken. The Police have been informed and will be stepping up the patrols in the area. Please keep a lookout and report any after dark activity to them.



Rose and Crown

Congratulations to Karen and Phil for being awarded top score of five stars in the Scores on the Doors local authority hygiene ratings for food businesses (www.scoresonthedoors.org.uk). The Rose and Crown is the only pub in the Vale of White Horse and South Oxfordshire council districts to get the top score. Unfortunately our local newspaper reports concentrated on those establishments which received a zero star rating rather than singling out the high achievers for praise. Nevertheless, the village can be proud of the Rose and Crown.

Forthcoming events at the Rose and Crown are:

Monday 31 August

Barbecue and live music, afternoon through to evening – see boards outside the pub for times.

Friday 11 September

Live music with Butterfly Collectors (www.myspace.com/thebutterflycollectorsduo) from 9pm.

Saturday 12 September

Aunt Sally end of season barbecue, all welcome.

Friday 18 September

Race night with Crazy Horse from 9pm.



Chilton Primary School

School News August 2009

School has had another exciting and rewarding year and continues to grow with pupil numbers now well over 200. Our major area of development this year has been the Creative Curriculum. For many years now primary schools have had a very prescriptive timetabled curriculum, but we are now being encouraged to develop more creative topic based learning experiences. This has proved very motivating for pupils and staff as we can base our teaching around exciting topics and turn our classrooms into castles, underground caves or time machines. We have also held whole day workshops when classes have dressed up as Romans, Greeks and Tudors and experimented with different styles of cooking and model making. Three times each year the whole school shares a topic week. One of our most exciting was Round the world, when we turned the hall into an airport and the children had to check in, go through customs and then go to the computer room for a simulated take off exercise before starting their week of study on countries round the world.

School started a new Comenius project this year. We are linked with a school in Spain and another one in Germany. There is a regular flow of information between the schools, both for teachers and children. Teachers from Chilton have visited the schools in Spain and France and teachers from these international schools have spent time with us. Pupils are fully involved in these international links, often receiving emails and exchanging pieces of work.

Trips continue to be an important feature of school life and an enhancement of our creative curriculum. This year our Y3/4 children have been on a Tudor residential trip, which finished with a real Tudor banquet, while Y6 went on an adventure residential trip. Other classes have visited Hill End, the Oxford museums, the Oxford Playhouse, Blenheim Palace and Talking Textiles. The children always look forward to these opportunities.

Recently Chilton has been made a flagship school by the Food for Life in order to develop our school meals and to promote the children's knowledge of cooking and healthy eating. This means that we shall receive assistance from a variety of experts in order to improve our practice and achieve the Food for Life gold standard mark and we shall be a centre for training staff from other schools in good practice. The children will find this exciting as there will be extra cooking opportunities for them as well as a week's visit from a cooking bus. This will happen during the week beginning October 12th and the bus will be available for community activities during the evenings, when hopefully people from the village will become involved in our school Food Week. We shall also be developing a large school vegetable plot during the year so that all children in school will have the chance to grow their own food. This is an enormous undertaking and we would appreciate any gardening time our local community could offer to work with small groups of children and promote their understanding of growing food. If you have any odd hours you could offer, please contact the school office 01235 834263.

We are busy redeveloping our school grounds once again. We have begun fundraising for an outdoor interactive science base. It seems appropriate that as school has important scientific neighbours we use this strength to develop scientific opportunities for the children. A plan is therefore in place to construct an area where the children can investigate freely a whole range of scientific concepts. There will be outside sound exploration, with speaking tubes and musical instruments, a giant newton's cradle, a weather station and slopes for exploring friction. If any members of the Chilton community have scientific leanings and would like to help with this project, then offers of expertise, ideas and practical help would all be welcome.

Just when we thought our school year was nearly over, we had a visit from OFSTED inspectors on July 14th during the last week of term. This was a one day visit mainly to check the validity of the school self evaluation process but also to inspect the quality of leadership and management, teaching and learning and to gather customer satisfaction information from our

pupils and parents. It was a very full and challenging day, but the whole school community was delighted with the overall judgement that " Chilton is an outstanding school. Pupils of all abilities are consistently helped to reach extremely high levels of academic achievement and are supported in becoming happy, confident, caring individuals." Parents and pupils will receive their official OFSTED letters of notification in September when school resumes, but the inspection report is available now on the school website: www.chilton.oxon.sch.uk. It will also be on the OFSTED website from the middle of August.

School staff, governors and pupils are to be congratulated on a magnificent outcome to the inspection- this year's summer break has certainly been well earned!

Christine Dunsdon
Head teacher



Police Surgery

The next Police surgery will be held in the Meeting Room at Chilton Village Hall on **Monday 21st September 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 17th** at 7.45pm in the Village Hall. The speaker will be Liz Wooley on the History of St. Thomas, Oxford. The competition will be a design for a stained glass window (on A4 paper). New members and visitors are always very welcome. For more information please contact Gwen Pearce on 831930.



Chilton Bell Ringing in September

Evening practices on Thursdays are on 10th and 24th September 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. Contact Alec Samler for details Tel: 834589 Visiting Ringers in Chilton: Saturday 19

September 9.30 to 10.15am
Kate Crennell
Chilton Tower Secretary Tel: 834357



Table top sale - Saturday 19th
September 10am-2pm in the front garden
of 15 Hill Piece, Chilton.
Lots of second hand baby and toddler
bargains to be had! Boys and girls clothes,
toys, games and accessories.



RSPCA Oxfordshire Branch
Willow Farm, Chilton Open Day/
Safe Haven Launch Sunday 27th
September 12 – 4pm

After our very successful Open Day last
year we have decided to hold another this
year, when everyone is invited to come and
meet our 'residents', as well as sampling
delicious cream teas and browsing round
some local craft stalls. We also hope to
have donkey rides for the younger visitors,
weather permitting.

Sadly, along with all other animal charities,
we have an unprecedented number of
desperately needy animals this year, many
of whom have been abandoned or signed
over to us because of their owners' financial
difficulties. Coupled with the fact that fewer
people are coming forward to adopt them,
they are facing a bleak future. If anyone has
room in their home for a beautiful, loving
animal who asks no more than to be loved
back, please consider one of our animals.

To try and ease the financial costs of caring
for them all, we are launching an exciting
sponsorship scheme called Safe Haven,
exclusive to the RSPCA, which would
enable anyone to help our 'residents', and
to feel they were doing their 'bit', even in a
small way, but in a way that would be a
great benefit to them all. Please come
along and find out more about it.

We also offer a microchipping service to
chip animals in their own homes, as so
many lost animals do not find their way
home purely because they have no form of
identification. This is a simple way to help
ensure the safe return of your pet.

We are also always on the lookout for
volunteers to help in all sorts of ways, so if
you are interested in this, or in adopting any
of our 'residents', or want any information at
all, please contact Willow Farm on **01235**
821536.

Additions to Chilton Directory

Please add to Lin Kerr's entry

Limetrees Studio, Chilton

Craft bookbinding and calligraphy taster
courses in the Autumn and Winter

Make a Coptic Book in a Day

Saturday 3rd October OR Wednesday 14th
October 2009

Make a Strap Book in a Day

Saturday 7th November OR Wednesday
18th November 2009

Making a Photo Album - 2 days

Wed 13th & 14th January 2010

Uncials and fabulous Celtic Creatures

3 mornings in January for beginners

Textura and Gothic Birds

3 mornings in February for beginners

For more info: www.linkerrdesign.co.uk

Kim Dickens

Fresh fish every Tuesday in the Rose and
Crown car park from 5.00 – 5.15pm.



Do you have a few hours to spare? Would you like to meet new people?

South & Vale Carers Centre are looking for
Volunteer Befrienders in your area now.

Our scheme to train and place volunteers is
really making a difference to many peoples'
lives in the community. Our volunteers are
trained to sit with a cared-for person to give
the UNPAID carer a much needed break.

If you are interested you will be offered a
short interview, followed by some training to
help equip you.

We take great care to match befrienders
with our carers and cared-for, and you will
also have the support of a co-ordinator to
ensure you have constant support.

You only need to commit one hour a week
or fortnight, or more if you can spare. We
have volunteers of all ages but need more
to keep the service running.

As a befriender you will sit with the cared-for
person so the carer can get out of the house
for an hour or two. They may go and do
some shopping, get their hair done or even
just go for a coffee at a friend's house. Your
visit might be the only time the carer is able
to get out of the house.

So make a difference TODAY and call Teresa Thompson 01235 510212 or email teresa@svcarers.org.uk. She will be very pleased to hear from you.

South & Vale Carers Centre is a registered charity 1042708. Thank you



Could You Help A Bereaved Child?

Are you a warm, caring, friendly person? Do you have about 16 hours a month to spare?

If you enjoy a challenge and think you could make a difference to the life of a local bereaved child, SeeSaw (Grief Support for the young in Oxfordshire) would like to hear from you. We are currently looking for new volunteers to work with children following the death of a parent or close family member.

To find out more about what is involved, please look at our website www.seesaw.org.uk - click on "Support on Us" - and go to the end of the page to "How can I become a Volunteer Support Worker." If, having read this, you are still keen to pursue an application, please give us a call 01865 744768 or e-mail info@seesaw.org.uk for details about an Information Evening to be held on 22nd October 2009



Vale Sovereign Housing Association

Rented Retirement accommodation for the over 60's

Field House, West Way, Botley, Oxford
Self contained, unfurnished, one bedroom flats, allowing residents to maintain independence, but with added support features such as a help alarm, support service and communal facilities, including laundry, lounge and gardens. Close to shops & bus route to Oxford.

Rent level approx £135.00 per week You may be eligible for help towards this cost For application forms/viewings contact Miss L Hann, Area Housing Officer

Tel: 01235 563001

www.vale-housing.co.uk



Electric Blanket Checks

Free safety checks at Abingdon 11th September and Wantage 9th October.

Please call 01865 815607 or trading.standards@oxfordshire.gov.uk to book an appointment.



Anchor Staying Put home improvement agency

Anchor Staying Put is a home improvement agency which is dedicated to improving the quality of life of older people by providing advice and assistance with adaptations, improvements and repairs to their properties that will enable them to remain active, safe and independent in their own homes.

The local Anchor office for the VWHDC is located in Wallingford. The address and contact details are as follows:

Anchor Staying Put

C/o SODC Offices

Benson Lane

Crowmarsh Gifford, Wallingford,

Oxon OX10 8BF Tele: 01491 823889

Email:

stayingput.valewhitehorse@anchor.org.uk



The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on **Wednesday 9th 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. VHMC Report
12. PlayBuilder Sub- Committee Report
13. Play Equipment Inspection
14. Correspondence.

Items to be included in the next Chronicle should be sent to the Clerk (preferably by email or on a disk) by **Wednesday 30th September.**

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832385

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Do You Want to Book the Village Hall?

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