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Happy New Year



Welcome

Welcome to Shea and Ozlem, the new tenants at the Rose and Crown.



Thank You

A very big thank you to Wyevale Garden Centre who donated the Christmas tree for the top of the Church tower. Christmas in Chilton wouldn't be the same without the tree on the tower. Particular thanks go to David Williams (Manager), Sam Moore and Tim Forrest.



The Lydia Thomas Chilton Gift Fund

The Trustees of the Lydia Thomas Chilton Gift Fund are planning to visit some of the senior citizens of Chilton on New Year's Day 2010 to distribute parcels of groceries or baskets of fruit provided by the Fund.

The distribution of these groceries is an annual event and on 1 January this year we were delighted to be able to supply some substantial gifts because of the generous donations from kind parishioners which swelled the Fund.

Again this year, we would welcome donations from parishioners to increase our budget. Donors may specify whether they would like their gift to be spent this year or whether they would prefer the Trustees to invest the gift so as to enhance our spending power in future years. **So if you would like to make a donation to the Lydia Thomas Chilton Gift Fund** please contact one of the following Trustees:

John Pigott 18 Latton Close
Brian Morris 6 Latton Close
Audrey Slater 9 Latton Close

A little background information: Lydia Thomas was a benefactress of Chilton who died in 1807 and provided in her will the sum of £333-6-8d in 3% Consols for distribution of £10 each New Year's Day for the benefit of the poor. The endowment was administered by the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Parish and used for a distribution of goods, usually of loaves of bread. It is believed that Lydia lived at the Malt House in Main Street. In 1975 the Fund was amalgamated with the Chilton Aid Fund (set up in 1955) to form the present day Fund. The Chilton Aid Fund arose from the Chilton share of the proceeds of the sale of the Nurse's House administered in connection with the Harwell and Chilton Nursing Association. That charity was comprised in a conveyance dated 1926.



Thames Valley Police

The next Police surgery will be held in the Meeting Room at Chilton Village Hall on **Monday 4th January 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.

There will be surgeries at the same time on the following dates
08/02/10, 15/03/10, 19/04/10, 24/05/10,
28/06/10, 02/08/10.

At the last Parish Council meeting PCSO Clayden started by giving a big thank you to Mrs Pearce for all her hard work in collecting the questionnaires that were distributed recently with the Chronicle; 163 replies were received. From these replies the three main priorities for Chilton in the coming year will be **dog fouling**, parking and speeding.

The Police want to remind householders not to put the empty boxes from expensive presents out with the rubbish as this will

advertise the gifts to burglars. Take these empty boxes to the tip at Drayton for recycling.



Public Meeting 7th January

You may remember that at the beginning of this year, 2009, the District Council (the Vale of White Horse) published their planning document for the period to 2026, which included proposals for a large number of additional houses west of Didcot, and a Harwell Link road running from the west of Didcot to the A417. This planning document is called the "Core Strategy", and was due for publication as a formal draft document in January 2010. Thereafter it will go to the Secretary of State and a public hearing before final adoption in 2011.

The Vale has been considering all the feedback from the consultation period and wants to make some changes to the proposed Core Strategy. The two main points that will affect Chilton Parish are:

1. A Harwell Field Link Road which extends the Harwell Strategic Link south, along western edge of the A34, directly to the Harwell Campus. This was the preferred option proposed by the Chilton and Harwell Parish Councils in their response to the plans, and helps to avoid an excess of traffic over Hagbourne Hill and past both of the entrances to Chilton Village.

2. Addition of plans for a major new housing site of 400 houses at the northern part of the Harwell Science and Innovation Campus, also known as Harwell North Drive. This is a separate development from the 275 houses on Chilton Field site, which is to the south of the Campus.

You can find out more by looking at the documents on the Vale website.

The Vale will be holding a consultation event in the Freeman Hall, Harwell (at the back of the village hall) on **Thursday 7th January** between 3:30 and 7:30pm where you will be able to come and have a look at the plans and ask any questions you may have.

These proposals are open for consultation until the 29th January 2010, so please make your views known to the Vale and to the Parish Council.



Science in a New Light

"Science in a new light", a temporary exhibition at Oxford's North Wall Arts Centre, brings together the work of local artists and community groups inspired by research and architecture at the Oxfordshire-based national synchrotron facility, Diamond Light Source. The exhibition features stunning textiles, photography, and sculptures using reclaimed materials.

The W.I. Textile panels, some of which were made by Chilton Members will also be on display.

Science in a new light

The North Wall Arts Centre

South Parade

Summertown OX2 7NN

11-29 January 2010 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Admission – Free

www.diamond.ac.uk



Christmas Cryptic Quiz - Chilton Wives' Group

Quiz sheets for our Christmas Quiz are now available. All proceeds will go to the Charity OPTIMA. This Research Centre is based at the John Radcliffe and is studying the effects of memory and ageing as well as looking at possible causes of dementia, the effectiveness of medication and how best to provide support. This is a vital area for research and at present this area of health receives just 2% funding from the Government. It is known that it will become a huge problem as life expectancy increases; statistics show that 1 in 4 people over the age of 80 will develop some form of dementia.

Please support this quiz and help to raise money for this important project.

The theme for the quiz is THE HUMAN BODY and the prize is £5. Quiz sheets at £1 each will be available from:

Gurmit at the Post Office, Curie Avenue
Shea and Ozlem at the Rose and Crown
Gwen Pearce, 8 Manor Close 831930
Audrey Slate, 9 Latton Close 834558
Judy Goodall, 43 Crafts End 834503
Daphne Boddy, Sans Souci, Reading Rd
Harwell 221047

Bring and Buy

At our January meeting on **Tuesday 12th January** in the Church, Chris Pickford will be speaking on the local Flora and Fauna.

Afterwards we will be holding a Bring and Buy Sale for OPTIMA. Cakes, books, white elephant, unwanted Christmas Gifts etc. will all be very welcome.

Visitors and New Members are always welcome; meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month in the Church and start at 7:45 pm .

Judy Goodall Tel 834503



Chilton W.I.

Thank you to the Committee who organised the Christmas Party, we all had a lovely time and the spread of food was amazing.

The next meeting of Chilton W.I. will be on **Thursday 21st January** at 7.45pm in the Village Hall. The speaker will be Julia Sharp on "Pets as Therapy" and the competition will be an animal ornament.

Don't forget that the annual subs will be due. New members and visitors will be very welcome. For more information please contact Gwen Pearce on 831930.



VHMC Opportunity

Chilton Village Hall Management Committee is a group of volunteers who run the Village Hall. We need a new Treasurer as our present one is standing down. If you would be interested in filling this important role, please contact our Chairman John Smith (01235 834455) or our Secretary Brian Morris (01235 834233).



June Bowman - Vic, Tricia and Susan wish to thank all neighbours and friends for their kind messages of sympathy and for donations of over £800 to the Royal British Legion Women's Section of which June was an active member. Please accept this as a personal acknowledgement. Your kindness is much appreciated at this sad time



Wanted

1 copy of "UP IN THE DOWNS" a history of Chilton. If anyone has a spare copy or one

they are willing to sell. Please contact Sue Small on 01235 527084 or 07792582726



From the Parish Council

At the last Parish Council meeting the report from our District Councilors noted that the Vale have been having a crackdown on dog owners who fail to clear up after their dogs.

Environment wardens at the Vale focused on four hotspots, one of which was Harwell. Up to 100 dog walkers were approached during the campaign which ran between June and October.

The wardens patrolled at different times of the day speaking to all the dog walkers they came across. They wanted to ensure they were educated in the responsibilities of dog ownership and to check if they were carrying plastic bags to clear up any mess. They were also advised to walk and exercise their dogs away from football and rugby pitches.

Two people, **one in Harwell** and one in Grove, **received a fixed penalty notice and were fined £50 for failing to clean up after their dogs.**

Colin Marshall, Environment Warden at the Vale, said: "The vast majority of people were very supportive of what we were doing. It is important that we drive the message home that dog fouling is anti-social, not to mention disgusting, and that anyone caught will face the consequences. A fixed penalty notices for £50 can be issued and if the case is prosecuted in court, then this may incur a fine of up to £1,000."

Fly Tipping

Anyone who finds items that have been flying tipped should report it to the Vale of White Horse District Council who will remove. Contact the Vale on 01235 520202 or report on-line on their website. Remember it is an offence to fly tip and if caught you can be fined.

Lights Out

If your street light is out please phone 0800 317802. This is a free phone number, and the light will be repaired. Remember to note the lamp number, which is printed on the lamp post.

Chilton Directory

Please add

Avon Representative for Chilton

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The present Directory is attached to the June 2009 edition of the Chronicle which can be found on the Village Hall website.



The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on **Wed 13th January 2010 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
 - (i) Expenditure and Receipts
 - (ii) Budget for 2010/11
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) by **Wednesday 27th January 2010**

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Do You Want to Book the Village Hall?

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

Mislaid Your Chronicle?

You can find it on the Village Hall website:

www.chiltonvillagehall.co.uk Also

available on the website are minutes from recent Parish Council meetings.