

THE CHILTON CHRONICLE

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Mrs Afsie Swannell

The Parish Council would like to thank Afsie for her work as a Parish Councillor. Afsie joined the Council in 2007 and it is due to her hard work that we now have the new play equipment in the recreation field. Afsie, who has resigned for personal reasons, will be missed by her fellow Councillors. We wish her well for the future.



Vandalism in Recreation Field

PCSO Mike Clayden recently received reports of minor vandalism and anti-social behaviour in the new play park and following this up, he met with two children aged 9 and 12 years along with their parents.

A visit to Wantage Police station was arranged and while at the Station the two boys were given a warning about their behaviour and what would happen should there be any further recurrences.

The boys have since written a letter of apology to the original complainants.

PCSO Clayden wishes to add that if anyone does see or hear of anyone causing damage to the play park then please contact him on the Thames Valley Police non emergency number 0845 8 505 505.



Report of the Annual Parish Meeting

The Annual Parish Meeting was held on Wednesday 21st April and attended by 30 members of the public. The Chairman, Mr Thompson, welcomed everyone.

PCSO Clayden gave the Area Beat Officer's Report, he noted that recently a large amount of metal had been stolen from Chilton Waste. The Police continue to check for hare coursers with Operation Migrate: last year 25 arrests were made. Damage to the new play area had been reported. A question was asked regarding the possible theft of copper wires from BT causing loss of telephone and Broadband

services. PCSO Clayden said he would look into it.

Mr Lilly gave the County Council report and said that since being elected last June he had been involved with the application for an incinerator at Sutton Courtenay, has become the County "Bus Champion" and will be part of a meeting later in the year to discuss bus routes that did not get gritted during the winter. The roads are badly potholed and these should be reported to Oxfordshire Highways at Drayton.

Mrs Turner gave the first part of the District Council Report. She noted that the Section 106 Agreement for Chilton Field had finally been signed but there are no signs of the development starting yet. Mrs Turner said that she had received letters from Chilton pupils at Didcot Girls' School as part of their personal development lessons. Topics ranged from lack of footpaths to upgrading of the play area for older youngsters.

Mr Waite reported that during the year staff amalgamations with SODC have continued with four times more staff from the Vale being made redundant. This has caused low morale. The new waste programme with Verdant commenced in SODC last June and this October it will start in the Vale. Each household will receive new 3 bins; a recyclables bin, a waste food bin and bin for landfill. Collection dates will change but a calendar will be produced. There will be a display by Verdant at the Harwell Feast on 31st May.

A report from Mrs Dunsdon, Chilton School Head Teacher, was read. The highlight of the year was the School receiving an Outstanding inspection from OFSTED. The School has become a Flagship School for Food For Life. This will involve activities connected with food, from growing, through harvesting, to cooking and eating. In May the outdoor interactive science base will be opened which will provide the Children with a host of investigative science experiences.

Dr Druce, Chair of the Executive Committee for the Scout Troop, reported that the three

groups, Beavers, Cubs and Scouts were very well attended with 65 youngsters across the groups. They have taken part in a wide range of activities from night hikes to sleepovers in museums. A new Beaver Leader is needed from September.

Mr Thompson said that a request had been received for more bell ringers and anyone interested should contact either Alec Samler or Kate Crennell.

Mr Woods and Mr Smith were appointed as the two independent representatives on the Village Hall Management Committee.

The Village Hall Management Committee Report was given by Mr Morris, who said that Mrs Pearce had recently been nominated for a well-deserved award in recognition of her work in the community. Mr Morris and Mr Smith said that because the Vale have withdrawn their grant to Oxfordshire Theatre Company the ticket prices for future productions will have to be increased. Everyone was asked to support the next function later in the year and to write to the District Councillors regarding the cutback.

Mrs Swannell gave the Playbuilder Report. Following the successful grant of £46,000, the equipment has been installed and the area is open for use now. There will be a grand opening event on 23rd May to which everyone is invited. Mrs Swannell thanked everyone on the committee for all their hard work.

A proposal for a possible 20mph speed limit in the Village was discussed. It was agreed that the Council would approach Oxfordshire Highways to investigate the possibility of a 20mph speed limit from Townsend, throughout the Village to the 40mph sign in Lower Road.

There then followed a general discussion and the meeting closed at 10.10pm.



Mo Dumbleton

Frank Dumbleton would like to thank everybody for their messages of sympathy after Mo died on 28 April. All Saints' Church was filled for her funeral service on 11 May, and the support of many friends from the village was a great comfort at this sad time.

The collection for Guide Dogs for the Blind raised £395. This is a charity that was very dear to Mo's heart. Thanks to everybody for giving so generously. Thanks also to the Rose and Crown for providing hospitality after the service



Chilton W.I.

The next meeting of the Chilton W.I. will be on **Thursday 17th June at 7.45pm** in the Village Hall. The speaker will be Liz Woolley, "common lodging houses in Victorian England". The competition will be to choose your favourite character from Dickens and say why.

New members and visitors are always very welcome.

For more information please contact Gwen Pearce on 831930



Christian Aid Plant Sale

Chilton Wives' Group would like to thank everyone who so generously supported the sale. The amazing total of £1,364 was raised on the day and the total has risen to £1406 with a few late sales. We were delighted with the response, and thank you for baking, growing plants, providing books and spending money. It is a great community event and thank you to our friends in Harwell for supporting us.

The winner of the cryptic quiz on the theme of "Castles of England and Wales" was Julia Gilling with 48.5 out of 50 and in second place were Peter and Hilary Groves.

Thank you once again. Judy Goodall

Christian Aid Door to Door Collection

Thank you very much to everyone who supported the envelope collection which raised £1,100.

Derek Tisdall



Chilton Scout Group

We will be holding our **AGM at 7:30 on Friday 25th June** at Chilton Village Hall.

Our Scout Group continues to grow and now provides structured activities for around 70 local young people. To find out more about the group, why not come along to the AGM, or visit our website at www.scoutsinchilton.org.uk

This year there are two major issues for our Scout group:

1) New Leaders - the success of the group relies on people giving up their time to help with the running of our evening sessions, and other events and activities. In September our Beaver leader is stepping down because of a change to her working hours. Unless we find a solution, our Beaver colony will have to close. If you know anybody who can help or would like to become a leader, please let us know.

2) Storage - We now have a lot of equipment (tents & camping equipment, kit for activities, flags & poles etc.) which need to be stored and easily accessible. We have funds to purchase and install a metal container close to the village hall, but so far have not obtained planning permission. We are open to suggestions & ideas.

If you think you might be able to help with either of these issues, or if you just want to show your support for the group, please join us at our AGM.



Chilton Bell Ringing in June

We hope you enjoyed our ringing last month to celebrate the opening of the Active Play Area in the Recreation Field. Visitors are welcome to come and watch us on any practice night, but check first with Alec Samler to make sure we will be there. Tel: 834589

Chilton ringers will attend Harwell Practice in Harwell on the 3rd and 17th June starting at 7.30pm. Contact Philip Roberts for details of Harwell ringing Tel: (01235) 861409

Chilton practices will be held on 10th and 24th June starting at 7.30pm. Contact Alec Samler for details of Chilton ringing. 834589

Visitor ringing in Chilton

Saturday 5 June: Annual Outing for visitors from Beaconsfield 12 - 12.45pm
Kate Crennell

Chilton Tower Secretary Tel: 834357



Can you help?

An appeal for memories from students of Oxford Polytechnic and the College of Technology

While 'The Poly' and the older College of Technology no longer exist in Oxford, their value to Oxfordshire is still clear. Students of both institutions have gone on to live and work here, benefiting local businesses and communities with their knowledge and expertise.

Oxford Brookes is rightfully proud of its roots in the Polytechnic and the College of Technology, and the achievements of former students of all our past institutions have reinforced the university's reputation for producing skilled and well-rounded graduates.

In 2015 Brookes celebrates its 150 year anniversary. We believe the celebrations should include and involve all alumni, whether you studied at the College of Technology, Oxford Polytechnic, Dorset House, Lady Spencer-Churchill, Westminster, Oxford City Technical School or the university itself.

To achieve this, we are appealing for memories from all former students of all our past institutions. By sharing your anecdotes and photos with the Alumni Office you can help to illustrate the shared history of the entire Oxford Brookes community, and make 2015 an unforgettable celebration for everyone.

We are especially keen to hear from alumni with personal memories of John Henry Brookes for a biography celebrating the life of the university's spiritual founder.

Please email your memories and photos to alumni@brookes.ac.uk. We can also answer any questions you have about strengthening your relationship with Oxford Brookes, from updating you with news and events to helping you enjoy the many benefits available to all our alumni.

www.brookes.ac.uk/alumni



Village Hall Management

Committee AGM

The AGM of the VHMC will be held on **Tuesday 29th June at 7.45pm.** in the Village Hall. Members of the public are invited to attend.



From the Parish Council

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 them. Contact the Vale on 01235

52020202 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 for the light to be repaired. This is a free phone number. Remember to note the lamp number, which is printed on the lamp post.



The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on **Wednesday 9th June 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 Meetings
10. Finance
11. VHMC Report
12. PlayBuilder 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 7th July 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.

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You can find it on the Village Hall website:

www.chiltonvillagehall.co.uk

The Chilton Directory is attached to the June 2009 edition of the Chronicle, also available on the website are minutes from recent Parish Council meetings.

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