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## HAPPY NEW YEAR

### Your Buses Need You

Chilton currently enjoys an excellent bus service to Didcot and Oxford, and we are sure it enhances the quality of life for many in the village – particularly the youngsters who can use it to get to the cinema during school holidays without having to rely on their parents for transport. For everybody it makes a visit to Oxford so much easier without the hassle of parking.

However, the bus services in our area are up for review next year and in the current economic climate we can be confident that the County Council will be looking at ways to save money. This service is one of the few still receiving a subsidy and so particularly at risk. So it's up to us all to use the buses as much as possible to show that we value the service. Why not try the bus for a visit to the January sales in Oxford?

If timetables are not your strong suite, the buses from Chilton are simple. They leave the stops by Latton Close and in Main Street on Mondays to Saturdays at 07.56, 08.56 then 50 minutes past each hour until 15.50 (3.50pm). The last two buses are 1646 (4.46pm) and 1848 (6.48pm).

They return to Chilton from Oxford St Aldates stop H5 at 07.05 (not Saturdays), 08.00 and 08.50, then settle down to the 50 minutes past each hour rhythm until 15.50 (3.50pm) and 17.50 (5.50pm). The 16.50, 18.50, 19.50 and 20.50 only get as far as Harwell Campus.

So for the majority of journeys all you've got to remember is 50 minutes past the hour. What could be easier?

Thankfully our County Councillor, Stewart Lilly, is a strong supporter of the buses and will be lobbying to keep the service.

After all, he uses them to get to meetings at County Hall. So let Stewart know how much you value the buses by emailing him on [stewart.lilly@oxfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:stewart.lilly@oxfordshire.gov.uk) He needs all the support he can get, and has direct access to put our case to the cabinet member for transport.

### Transported to Newbury by KGB

The last time Chilton had anything to do with an outfit that used the initials KGB was sixty years ago when atom spy Klaus Fuchs lived in the prefabs on Harwell Campus. Now thanks to our very own 21st century spy, Betty Cox, we can expose a new KGB operating in the county – KGB Travel Services.

A few Tuesdays ago Betty was walking towards the bus stop so I asked if she was going to Oxford. "No, Newbury," she replied. This was a surprise and on interrogation she revealed that she had discovered this KGB operating a monthly shopping trip to Newbury by minibus.

Many people in our area prefer the shops in Newbury to Oxford, so a revival of public transport is to be encouraged. KGB is experimenting with a monthly trip, picking up in the villages between Wantage and Chilton. Future dates are Tuesdays 11 January, 15 February and 15 March. The minibus leaves Chilton (Main Street) at 09.45, arriving in Newbury soon after 10.00. It returns from Newbury at 13.00 (1pm).

Because KGB's minibus has only 18 seats you should book in advance on 01235 811839. The fare is £6 return and as the service is not supported by local authorities concessionary passes are not valid. In the past when we've asked Oxfordshire County Council to support a shoppers' service to Newbury the reply is that they're not going to subsidise people

to spend money in Berkshire. That's the attitude we have to live with.



### 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 2011 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  
Pam Rolls 15 Elderfield Crescent

*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.*



### Parish Council Elections

All of the seats on the Parish Council come up for election at the beginning of May 2011. There are seven seats to be contested. If you feel you can spare some time, would like to serve the community as a Parish Councillor but are not sure what is involved, the Clerk will be happy to give you some details. Do give some thought to becoming a candidate to serve Chilton as a Parish Councillor – Don't just leave it to others, play a part yourself.



### Chilton W.I.

The next meeting of Chilton W.I. will be held on **Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> January at 7.45pm** in the Village Hall. This will be a fun evening making earrings with Maggie Leigh. Don't forget that subscriptions for 2011 will be due.

New members and visitors are always very welcome. For more information please contact Gwen Pearce on 831930.



### Baby and Toddler Nearly New Sale and Scout Car Wash

10.00am – 12.00noon 5<sup>th</sup> March at Chilton Village Hall plus indoor and outdoor refreshments and tombola. Admission to sale 50p per adult, children free.

All proceeds in aid of Chilton Baby & Toddler Group and 2nd Chilton Scouts For information about being a stallholder please contact sue@grangerhall.org.uk



### Saturday Art Group

The Saturday morning Art Group will be meeting on 29<sup>th</sup> January, 26<sup>th</sup> February, 26<sup>th</sup> March from 10.00am to 1.00pm. in the Village Hall.

We are a friendly informal group where you can try painting as well as having a chat over a cup of tea or coffee.

All ages and abilities are very welcome. Please contact Lynda Ward on 834479 for more information or just turn up – art material is supplied.

On Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> February there will be an “Afternoon of Colour” with Daniel Cozens from 2.00 – 4.00pm. Daniel will talk about his life as an artist and we will get to see some of his paintings, cards and prints. He will also speak on the Christian message – Christ and His Gospel – and there will be an appeal for people to respond to.



### Have Your Say

A “Have your Say Meeting” will be held in the Meeting Room at Chilton Village Hall on **Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> January from 18.30 – 19.30 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.

If you would like to speak to any member of the Wantage East Neighbourhood team or for more information about your local Neighbourhood team, contact 0845 8 505 505 or visit [www.thamesvalley.police.uk](http://www.thamesvalley.police.uk)

For help and advice on Crime Prevention contact Crime Prevention Advisor, Alison Smith 0845 8 505 505



### Advance notice

#### Abingdon Air & Country Charity Show

Despite the set-backs and disappointment from this year’s Abingdon Air & Country Charity Show on May 2nd, the all-volunteer organising committee has pulled together and will be going ahead with the 12th event in the show’s history in 2011. Instead of the previous early May Bank Holiday weekend, next year the show will be held on **Sunday 8th May 2011** (the weekend after the Bank Holiday).



### From the Parish Council

If you are still having problems with refuse collection please contact our District Councillor Reg Waite on 01235 861779 or [regwwaite@aol.com](mailto:regwwaite@aol.com) and he will do his best to help you.

#### 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 520202 or report on-line on their website. Remember it is an offence to fly tip and if caught you can be fined.

Fly tipping of hazardous waste like asbestos is particularly reprehensible.

#### 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 and street name.

#### Another way to report a problem

Various incidents (e.g. vandalism, fly tipping, potholes, etc) can be reported to this website,

<http://www.communityfix.co.uk/> and they will forward the problem to the relevant authority to deal with.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on **Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> January 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 – Budget 2011/12
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 2<sup>nd</sup> February** .

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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 for details.

**Mislaid Your Chronicle?**

You can find it on the Village Hall website:  
[www.chiltonvillagehall.co.uk](http://www.chiltonvillagehall.co.uk)

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