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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.



2nd Chilton Scout Troop celebrates the awarding of Chief Scout Gold Awards

The 2nd Chilton Scout Troop recently celebrated the award of a special badge to a number of scouts within the troop. Five of our scouts; Jasmine, Oliver, Joe, Matthew and Harry received the Chief Scout Gold Award (CSGA) in January. The CSGA is the culmination of a lot of hard work by these scouts. To complete the award they had to achieve 8 of the 9 possible scout challenge badges. These badges included activities such as looking at international issues, taking part in outdoor pursuits such as camping and hiking, and being competent at using penknives, axes and fire lighting. All of these skills are geared towards developing young people into mature and accomplished scouts. There were also challenges focusing on fitness and the local community so you may have seen the scouts helping out in the church yard or litter picking around the village.

To award one CSGA within a troop in a year is good work, but to award five is excellent. I think this demonstrates how

well the troop is developing and illustrates how dedicated the leaders are in providing a good programme of activities for the troop. Well done and congratulations to all the scouts for achieving this award.

Dave Tilbury (Scout Leader)



Dene Hollow

Optimise is holding a public information meeting in the Village Hall on **Tuesday 15 February**. The purpose of the meeting is to communicate with local residents about work that they are undertaking on behalf of Thames Water to replace a section of foul sewer in Dene Hollow which flows towards Didcot and which is in poor condition. The work starts on 21 February and should be finished by the end of June.

To give you an opportunity to find out more and meet the project team, Optimise invite residents to a drop-in session with displays at the Village Hall on Tuesday 15 February, between 3.30pm and 7.00pm .



Chilton W.I.

The next meeting of Chilton W.I. will be held on **Thursday 17th February at 7.45pm** in the Village Hall. The speaker is George Hedges and he will be talking on "The Life of a Policeman – Amusing Anecdotes". New members and visitors are always very welcome. For more information please contact Gwen Pearce on 831930.



Saturday Art Group

The Saturday morning Art Group will be meeting on **26th February** 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 19th 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.



Bell Ringing in February

Chilton ringers will attend the joint Practice in Harwell on the 3rd and 17th February starting at 7.30pm. Contact Philip Roberts for details of Harwell ringing Tel: 861409 A Chilton practice may be held in the 2nd and 4th weeks, 10th and 24th February starting at 7.30pm, but telephone in advance to confirm we shall practice. If you want to come you will be most welcome.

Contact Alec Samler for details of Chilton ringing. Tel: 834589

Kate Crennell

Chilton Tower Secretary

Tel: 834357 email:

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New Yoga Class to start in Chilton!

A new Hatha Yoga class is starting at Chilton Village Hall on **Friday 4th March from 7.30-9.00pm**, £6.00 per session. The class is for all ages & abilities, you don't have to be supple and it's not competitive! Yoga can bring increased suppleness, more energy, better concentration, improved strength, stamina, balance and stability; it promotes better breathing and teaches relaxation. So put on some loose clothing, a mat if you have

one (spares available), a towel/blanket for relaxation and try something new! This is a new class for Chilton and to keep it, we need to support it! If you have any questions please contact the instructor Tony Bell on

apb.603@talktalk.net. Telephone 01235 528 102.



Baby and Toddler Nearly New Sale and Scout Car Wash

10.00am – 12.00noon 5th 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



Bell Ringing Course

Would you like to learn how to ring a church bell? We shall be running a 10 week course for a maximum of 4 learners covering different aspects of ringing.

The course will include:-

A visit to the bell chamber to watch a bell in action.

Learning how to ring a single bell by yourself in several easy stages.

Learning about simple sequences using hand bells

Culminating in ringing a bell 'in rounds' with others.

The trainers will be the ringing masters from St Matthew's Harwell, Philip Roberts and Debbie Greenfield, both of whom have many years of experience both ringing themselves and teaching others.

The course will start on **Saturday 5th March 10-12am** and will continue over the following weeks with a mixture of Saturday mornings and Thursday evenings. We welcome learners from both Harwell and Chilton villages. The training will take place mostly at Harwell but we will run some of the sessions at Chilton if any of the learners live here. There will be a

charge of £15 per adult (£10 for under 18s) but this will include the provision of teaching materials including a book. If you would like to register for the course or for more information contact Philip on 01235 861409 or Debbie on 01235 820760. If you live in Chilton and want to know more, please contact Kate who will be happy to show you her free PC program 'Bells and Bell ringing'. Tel: (01235) 834357.

Join Our Celebration

Chilton bells were restored for the millennium. We had a new bell frame, the tower was strengthened and the bells tuned. Our earliest bell was cast in 1623 and is still in use. Do you know of anything older in the village in constant use today? The work was completed in time for the rededication service on 7 January 2001, and the bells have been rung regularly since then.

Some of the original ringers from 2001 have left the village and we now need to replace them. Bell ringing is a fascinating activity; there are many different tunes you can join with others to ring; you meet all ages of local people and it costs nothing. Unlike golf or visits to the gym, you do not have to drive using expensive petrol, you can easily walk to the church, or get a lift to Harwell when we have a joint practice there.

We want to have a celebratory ring this year with all Chilton ringers. Why not give it a chance? You now have a unique opportunity this year to learn to ring at the special Beginners Course being organised by Harwell tower.



Working from Home Group

The above group has now met twice (December and January) with twelve people within the village either attending or expressing an interest in being part of the group.

The meeting is informal and gives people the opportunity to discuss their work challenges, concerns, share ideas and

identify areas where others in the group may be able to assist.

The next meeting is planned for **Wednesday 9th March at 11am** (venue tbc) and Catharine Arakelian from Oxfordshire Rural Community Council will be attending. The ORCC support this initiative and work to support the quality of life for all who live and work in rural Oxfordshire.

If you wish to attend or require any further information please contact Fiona Edlington on 01235 863331 or Fiona.edlington@tesco.net



Charity Quiz Night

Chilton Wives' Group are pleased to be holding their Annual Grand Charity Quiz Night on **Saturday March 12th** in Chilton Village Hall. This is a fun evening in a friendly atmosphere. Teams comprise up to 6 players. Tickets are £7.50 each including a hot supper and a tasty pudding. Please bring your own drinks and glasses, and let us know if you have any specific dietary requirements or if you would prefer a vegetarian menu.

The doors will open at 7:15 to enable a prompt 7:30 start.

The two charities we are supporting this year are END POLIO NOW and Home Farm Trust at Milton Heights. END POLIO NOW is a joint campaign by the World Health Organisation and Rotary International to eradicate polio worldwide. The disease is endemic in just four countries now - India, Pakistan, Afghanistan and Nigeria. Hazel King and Richard Benton from Chilton are helping to raise funds towards this campaign to eradicate the disease totally by 2012. Home Farm Trust is a national charity that supports people with learning difficulties from 18 to over 60 years of age of all abilities and differing needs through a flexible person-centred approach, encouraging independence and well-being.

Quiz tickets will be on sale from 12th February. Please book early to avoid

disappointment. Tickets are available from Audrey Slater and Judy Goodall .

Cryptic Quiz Sheets on the theme of Musical Instruments and priced at £1(or more) each to support these two charities will also be available from Saturday February 12th from :

Shea at the Rose and Crown , Chilton
Gurmit at the Post Office on site
Audrey Slater , 9 Latton Close 834558
Daphne Boddy , Sans Souci , Reading Rd
Harwell 221047
Judy Goodall , 43 Crafts End 834503

The Christmas Cryptic Quiz on the theme of Oxfordshire Pubs was won by E. Langford from Stanford in the Vale with 47 out of 50. We are delighted to have raised just in excess of £160 for SeeSaw .

Many Thanks
Judy Goodall



Card Making Class

Card making and scrapbooking sessions are coming to Chilton village hall. These friendly sessions will run 10.00 – 4.00 on the 3rd Saturday of each month starting **19th March**, at just £18 for the day. This includes tea and coffee, use of tools, punches, rubber stamps, inks, inspiration and demonstrations. Limited supplies are also available to buy e.g. cardstock, adhesive etc. For further information and to book your place please contact Carole Waechtler on 01235 525214 or carole.waechtler@goolemail.com.



Tai Chi in Chilton?

If you have ever been curious about finding out more about practising Tai Chi now is your chance. Tai Chi Chuan Yang Style is a soft and gentle form of exercise suitable for all ages. It has many health benefits because through the use of slow and soft movement the body is relaxed and free from stress. Tai Chi can bring about improved posture, energy, circulation and increased suppleness. The joints are exercised and kept mobile.

Practice can also increase mental concentration.

A number of Chilton residents have already expressed interest in joining a class, and if enough people add to this number, then a local Tai Chi Instructor Tony Jones has offered to start classes in Chilton Village Hall. So if you think Tai Chi might be for you, please let us know by contacting Sue Granger on sue@chiltonvillagehall.co.uk or 01235 861 253 and leaving your name, and what times/days would be suitable for you.



Anyone for Tennis?

Many assume that playing tennis equates to warm Summer weather but you would be wrong! Tennis enthusiasts braved the elements on Bank Holiday Monday to welcome in the New Year.

27 people of all ages and abilities gathered at Blewbury Tennis Club and enjoyed getting out into the fresh air, catching up with friends and of course playing tennis! Mulled cider and mince pies sustained our reserves and those of spectators too who enjoyed watching their children racing about the courts.

This social event is one that the club hopes to run regularly now that all 4 courts have been upgraded. We will soon have a court-side “hut” to shelter in or make tea, which will improve the facilities even more. The club welcomes new members at any time throughout the year and membership rates are extremely good value – especially for families. For 2011 we are delighted to be able to host Attack Tennis – all year round coaching for children of all ages and abilities, so book in early and get playing! All details can be found on www.attacktennis.co.uk. The classes are also open to non-members in the first term, so come along and give it a try! Membership enquiries can be made to rosemary.dewilde@mac.com or www.blewburytennisclub.co.uk
We look forward to seeing you soon.



Poppy Appeal

This year the Harwell Branch of the Royal British Legion collected a grand total of £3150.44 from the Poppy Appeal collecting tins in Harwell and Chilton Parishes plus the Harwell Campus. Chilton collected the following; Chilton Village £397.29, Rose and Crown £26.58, Chilton School £58.41, Garden Centre £193.41, Garden Centre Restaurant £121.91.

On behalf of the Poppy Appeal I would like to thank all collectors, establishments and the general public for their continued support and kind generosity for this worthwhile cause as the RBL continues in its after care for all ex-service personnel both past and present.

Charlie East
Poppy Appeal Organiser
Harwell Royal British Legion



Carol Singing

Thank you to all who supported the carol singing in the Rose and Crown and around our village this year. We raised a total of £106 for Save the Children Fund.

With best wishes for the New Year.

Pam Rolls

Curate

Harwell with Chilton



Did You Know!

Your LOCAL NHS dentist is closer than you think. Come and look us up on www.oxfordshirepct.nhs.uk/dental or phone 08000 113 824



From the Parish Council

Please note that for this month only the Parish Council meeting is on **Thursday 24th February at 8.00pm**

New Play Area and Dog Fouling

The Parish Council has received yet more complaints about dog fouling; this time in the area of the new play equipment. The Council is aware that most dog owners act responsibly and clean up after their dogs BUT a small minority spoil it for everyone else. Please clear up after your dogs, it is unpleasant and also dangerous as it spreads diseases which can cause illness and even blindness.

It is a crime to allow a 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.

If you see another dog owner committing this offence please keep a record of anything that can identify them and contact the VWHDC' Environment Wardens on 01235 520202 or email environmental.protection@whitehorsedc.gov.uk

Refuse Collection

If you are still having problems with refuse collection please contact our District Councillor Reg Waite on 01235 861779 or regwaite@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 **Thursday 24th February 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 16th March .**

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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

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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