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ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on **Wednesday 27th April at 7.30pm** in the Village Hall. All electors of Chilton are entitled to attend. Do come along to make a comment, ask a question or to just listen.

Provisional Agenda

1. Presentation by David Wilson Homes - Chilton Field
2. Apologies for Absence
3. Chairman's Report
4. Resumé of last APM
5. Matters Arising
6. Comments on Items in the Chronicle
7. County Council Report
8. District Council Report
9. Area Beat Officer's Report
10. Chilton School Report
11. Scout Troop Report
12. Appointment of 2 Independent Representatives to VHMC
13. VHMC Report
14. General Discussion



Chairman's Report

At last, after many years talking expectantly about houses on Chilton Field it really is about to happen ! What was once gallops for racehorses, then RAF Harwell only to be left as a bomb and chemical dump for the second half of the last century, is about to become a new part of Chilton. The biggest thing to happen here since the War Ministry decided to build a new airfield here.

There is no way of gauging the impact these 275 houses will have, it means a near doubling of size of our village in terms of house numbers, something many quite understandably fear. Our residents in Severn Rd and Upper Farm road will become dominated and dwarfed by the scale of this site and may have a couple of years disruption during building until the

new homes are occupied and the community begins to form. But it will soon blend itself into its setting, as has Diamond.

A real challenge awaits us all as to how this becomes part of the greater Chilton community. Its remoteness, which also lessens the impact for most of the village, may be a difficulty. Can you integrate two geographically distinct communities ?

It will bring many benefits and already has, a new School built in 2002 received contributions from UKAEA and now David Wilson Homes, lighting to the bridleway and underpass completed in anticipation. Benefits to come will be a large extension to the village hall, a new community room, and various play facilities. Great amenities of which any village would be proud.

But by far the biggest benefit will be the new residents adding strength to this village's greatest asset, its people. New people to meet, children in School, members for our Church, groups and organisations bringing new fresh ideas and helping our community thrive and prosper.

David Wilson Homes will hold a presentation at our Annual Parish Meeting on April 27th, the first opportunity for anyone to see their plans for Chilton Field so please come along and see how the future of Chilton will look.

But remember, the biggest and best changes are less tangible, very exciting times ahead.

Ian Thompson – Chairman



Chilton WI Annual Report April 2010-March 2011

I am pleased to report that Chilton WI celebrated its 50th anniversary last October and has increased its membership over the past year

We have enjoyed a wide variety of speakers and at our AGM in April 2010 we listened to Deborah Brady who talked

about her experiences as one of the first female press photographers in Fleet Street, a ruthless world She brought along the equipment she had to carry with her, and from personal experience I can certainly vouch for its weight! In June Liz Woolley a local historian talked about common lodging houses in Victorian England with particular emphasis on those in the Oxford area. We had a social evening in January when Maggie Lee who lives in the village, gave us the opportunity to try our hand at making earrings and bookmarks with glass beads. In February we listened to George Hedges a retired police officer who reminisced about his career and his involvement in some notorious cases including that of the Yorkshire Ripper!

We continue to support village events. In April a 'Pamper Evening' at the home of Celina Sykes raised £340 for the Oncology Unit at the Churchill Hospital. We have served refreshments and made cakes at the Open Days at the Diamond Light Source which has resulted in donations to the Churchill Hospital, the Sobell House Cycle Ride and also the Lydia Thomas Chilton Gift Fund. We also made cakes and donated items for the Christian Aid Plant Sale last May. More recently on 4th March Judy Goodall held a coffee morning at her home in aid of the Meningitis Trust which raised £75. Our annual WI Summer Sale on 15th July on the Village Green raised an amazing £380.

The banner being made by Chilton WI to celebrate the 50th anniversary is nearing completion. It is an outstanding piece of work depicting many local landmarks and is a tribute to the enthusiasm and needle working skills of a small band of members. The WI plays a large part in village life and provides a congenial atmosphere to meet old friends and to make new ones without having to leave the village. Long may it continue!

Dorothy Woodhouse
Secretary March 2011



Chilton W.I.

The next meeting of Chilton W.I. will be held on **Thursday 21st April at 7.45pm** in the Village Hall. The speaker will be Margaret Thomas on "Love in Time of War" – Poetry, prose and song. The competition is to write a love poem/ prose.

Advance Notice

There will be a sale on the Green on Saturday June 11th – more details to follow.

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



Have Your Say

A "Have your Say Meeting" will be held in the Meeting Room at Chilton Village Hall on Friday 6th May between 18.00-19.00 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.

Future dates – Friday 1st July.

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

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



Abingdon Air & Country Charity Show

Despite the set-backs and disappointment from last year's Abingdon Air & Country Charity Show, the all-volunteer organising committee has pulled together and will be going ahead in 2011 with the 12th event in the show's history.

Instead of the previous early May Bank Holiday weekend, this year the show will be held on **Sunday 8th May 2011** (the weekend after the Bank Holiday).



The Parish Council has received this helpful information.

It is coming around to the time of year when we are continually receiving plastic bags through our doors asking us to donate unwanted goods to one charity or another.

Before you sort out your unwanted items for these collections please check that you are actually giving to the charity you think you are supporting. Many of these collections are organised by companies who give only a small percentage of the income from your donation to the charity they appear to be collecting for. Only recently a collection bag was put through local doors which on first glance looked as if it was collecting for a breast cancer charity; it carried the pink ribbon logo. It was only on closer inspection on the other side of the bag that it became apparent that the collection was being organised by a Lithuanian company who would give a "minimum donation of £5000 per month" to a breast screening project in Lithuania.

The 'Make A Wish' collection is another example: the company behind this appeal - Clothes Aid - gives 75% of its income to this charity.

The Charity Commission are concerned that the public may be misled by advertising on collection bags and have issued the following recommendations:

- Most genuine collections will be raising funds for a specific individually named charity. You should be suspicious of any leaflet that does not state the name of the charity your donations will go to.
- If a collection is for a registered charity, legally this must be stated on any document advertising the collection of clothes or other property on behalf of the charity. Genuine leaflets will usually provide a charity registration number. Most door to door collections will leave their bags at least two days before they collect any donations, allowing you time to check the Charity Commission's online register of charities.

- If for whatever reason you are still unsure about whether a collection is genuine, for example if it looks unprofessionally produced, is badly worded or contains spelling mistakes, and if you still wish to donate then you should try contacting the charity to check that the collection is legitimate. If the leaflet only gives mobile phone contacts or none at all, it may be a sign that the organisation is not collecting on behalf of a legitimate charity.
- Some advertising leaflets will give the impression that they are from a charity but provide a company registration number. This number is not the same as a charity registration number and may be a sign that the organisation is operating commercially for profit and is not charitable.
- If a clothing collection is being carried out for the benefit of a charity then it is required to have a public collection licence from the local authority. To check whether a collection is licensed and before making a donation you should contact the local authority for your area.
- If you are concerned that your donations may not reach a registered charity then you can always give directly to your local charity shop or at any official clothing collection point.



Considerate Parking

Please do not park cars opposite driveways where the road is narrow and may make it impossible for people to park cars in their driveways. This is especially true in Main Street which is narrow in places but has plenty of space to park away from entrances to properties.

Also, of course, remember that the footpath is for pedestrians so do not obstruct that when parking.

Tai Chi

A Tai Chai class is to start in Chilton Village Hall on Mondays from 16.00 – 17.30. Tai Chi is a soft and gentle way to exercise. If you are thinking of starting to get fit or want to stay supple then Tai Chi is ideal.

For more information please phone Tony Jones on 01235 813857.



The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on **Wednesday 27th April at 7.30pm.**

This is the Annual Parish Meeting.

Items to be included in the next Chronicle should be sent to the Clerk (preferably by email) by **Wednesday 20th April.**

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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 and visit the Village Hall website to check what dates might be available:
www.chiltonvillagehall.co.uk

Mislaid Your Chronicle?

You can find it on the Village Hall website:
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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.

The Parish Council does not accept any responsibility for the adverts placed in the Chilton Directory.

Attached to this Chronicle is the Annual Statement of Accounts an update on Broadband and a Thames Valley Police Community Messaging Form.